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Fitial vetoes local casino bill

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan before leaving for the Philippines on Thursday, citing the unconstitutionality of the measure.

Fitial, a delegate to the First Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention, said that House Local Bill

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Bid to stop enforcement of derivative law denied

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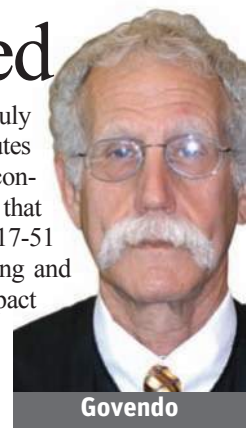
Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo denied yesterday the NMI Retirement Fund's motion for a preliminary injunction that seeks to stop the enforcement of the controversial Derivative Beneficiaries Act.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He said that duly enacted statutes are presumed constitutional and that Public Law 17-51 increased standing and has no direct impact on the Fund.

The new law allows Fund beneficiaries to sue on behalf of the pension program if the Fund's board refuses to initiate such legal action.

Govendo said the termination of contracts by four of the Fund's money managers is an incidental effect of Public Law 17-51.

"The granting of a preliminary injunction will not cause the Fund's agents to

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Johnson Sirleaf, Gbowee, Karman win Nobel Peace

Sirleaf

Gbowee

Karman

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

OSLO, Norway (AP)—The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, and Tawakkul Karman of Yemen for their work on women's rights.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee honored the three women "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

"We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men to influence developments at all levels of society," the prize committee said.

Karman is a 32-year-old mother of three who heads the human rights group Women Journalists without Chains. She has been a leading figure in organizing protests against President Ali Abdullah Saleh that kicked off in late January as part of a wave of anti-authoritarian revolts that have convulsed the Arab world.

"I am very very happy about this prize," Karman told The Associated Press. "I give the prize to the youth of revolution in Yemen and the Yemeni people."

By citing Karman, the committee appeared to be acknowleding the effects of the Arab Spring, which has challenged authoritarian regimes across the region. But citing the Arab Spring alone could have been problematic for the committee. The unrest toppled authoritarian regimes in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. But Libya descended into civil war that led to NATO military intervention. Egypt and Tunisia are still in turmoil. Hardliners are holding onto power in Yemen and Syria and a Saudi-led force crushed

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Cepeda found not guilty of murder

» Inos convicts defendant of assault and battery, theft

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REPORTER

Superior Court jurors rendered yesterday a not-guilty verdict against Franklin Cabrera Cepeda Jr. who is facing murder charges for the 2000 killing of Rong Zhou inside a karaoke bar in San Jose.

After deliberating for about four hours, the six jurors reached a unanimous verdict that found Cepeda not guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder, aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, robbery, and conspiracy.

Associate judge Perry B. Inos, who presided over the retrial and decided the misdemeanor charges, found Cepeda guilty of assault and battery, and theft.

Inos did not explain his decision. He sentenced Cepeda to the maximum one year in prison and $1,000 fine each.

Since Cepeda has been in detention for eight years now since his arrest for the

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USCIS eases exit requirements for INA visa applicants

» Chamber: Businesses need not be disrupted

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As a result of public input during recent outreach sessions in the CNMI, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issued Thursday the procedures and requirements that will now allow foreign workers applying for H-1B and other nonimmigrant classification to remain in the CNMI and continue working while awaiting a decision on their application.

Without this welcome relief from USCIS, foreign workers being petitioned for H-1B or other Immigration and Nationality Act classification by their employers need to exit the CNMI if the Form I-129 petition has not been adjudicated by Nov. 27.

Examples of nonimmigrant classifications for which an I-129 petition may be filed include H-1B specialty occupation, E-1 treaty trader, E-2 investor, L-1 intra-company transferee and R religious worker.

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that the largest business organization in the CNMI "gladly accepts this change in practice by USCIS."

Brennan, general manager of Micrel Corp., said many employers "were extremely concerned with having to exit their specialized personnel if their visa applications had not been processed by Nov. 28, 2011."

"Some of our educational institutions would have had to literally remove teachers from their classrooms mid-term, so this is welcome news," Brennan said when asked for comment on the matter.

Richard Pierce, the Chamber's executive director, said "as USCIS administers the new system from California, where petitions are adjudicated, and Hawaii, where enforcement offices are stationed, it's rare to see where the district director can effectuate changes from what he's gathered here in the CNMI."

"Makes you almost wish there was a permanent presence in the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Only those whose Form I-129 petition for nonimmigrant worker was filed before Nov. 28, 2011, may apply for parole and an employment authorization document, or EAD.

Parole will allow the foreign worker with pending H1-B and other INA classification application to remain in the CNMI.

There is no filing fee to apply for parole in this situation.

EAD will allow them to continue working while their application is still pending.

There is a filing fee of $380 for the I-765 request for employment authorization.

If granted, parole and employment authorization document, or EAD, in these instances generally will be valid for 120 days.

Pierce also said the Chamber spent considerable time with USCIS acting deputy chief counsel Philip B. Busch discussing this oversight by USCIS.

"He reported they had not even considered the implications where enough time was not available to process H-1B applicants so as to avoid exiting current employees from the CNMI. We're satisfied there has been a decision based upon those exchanges we had on Sept. 21st," Pierce added.

USCIS district director David Gulick told Chamber members and guests on Wednesday about the agency's plan to consider allowing those with pending H-1B, R-1 and L-1 applications to remain in the CNMI and continue working here.

At the time, Gulick said the procedures were still being finalized.

USCIS issued the requirements and procedures on Thursday, along with a question-and-answer.

Back in September during the outreach sessions, USCIS officials said those whose petitions for INA classification have yet to be adjudicated by Nov. 27 will need to exit the CNMI unless they are paroled. And even if they have parole status after Nov. 27, they could not work.

But USCIS developed an approach in response to input received from the public during USCIS outreach sessions in the last two weeks of September.

Employers and workers were concerned that businesses would have to close if the benefiting employees had to leave the CNMI to await decisions on their employer's I-129 petitions.

"There was particular concern about a negative impact on schools and hospitals," USCIS said.

USCIS said it also recognizes that it is important to support movement into regular employment-based nonimmigrant categories under the INA, as that is the ultimate goal of the CNMI transition to federal immigration law.

"A continuing employment provision in the CW transitional worker final rule allowed this convenience for workers who are being petitioned for CW-1, but there are no equivalent special regulatory provisions for those under INA categories," it added.

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488 students found eligible for SHEFA awards; 113 are denied

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program has approved the scholarship applications of 488 students even as it denied assistance to 113.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider said yesterday that they have already completed reviewing 601 applications and supporting documents out of the total 803 applications they received for the fall 2011 semester, including those submitted online.

Of the 601 reviewed applications, 488 have been notified of their eligibility while 113 received denial letters.

As of yesterday, there are still 202 applications pending review and decision.

Hofschneider said the review is expected to continue next week in time for the submission of the final number of eligible applicants to the board this month.

He projects that 520 applications may be eligible for this semester's financial awards: grant-in-aid, field of study, and incentive.

To ensure a balanced disbursement of grants, the SHEFA board has capped disbursements at only $1.5 million for each semester term.

Hofschneider said a majority of students who did not qualify failed to meet the required grade point average while others were non-compliant with the required number of credits.

This comes even as SHEFA continues to wait for the disbursement of 293 pending checks at the Department of Finance, totaling to $560,300.

The pending checks cover 261 scholars for the fall 2011 semester amounting to $473,100 and 13 checks for spring 2011 semester scholars amounting to $14,200. Additionally, 18 checks for fall 2010 semester scholars are also pending, amounting to $76,000. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

Man'amko get new supplies

The Office on Aging has recently purchased several supplies and equipment for the use of *man'amko* on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Aging director Rose Mondala said these purchases include coffee percolators, water dispenser, lawnmowers, desktop computer and printer, pots and pans, chairs, beddings, adult diapers, and diabetic shoes.

Mondala added that they are also in the process of purchasing two vans for the congregates at the Aging Center. She said they have a $77,000 budget for the vans, which would be obtained from Hawaii.

The new vans would bring the total number of vehicles of the Office on Aging to nine. Mondala noted, however, that some of their buses have to be repaired. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

DUE TO EXODUS OF FOREIGN WORKERS

GES expects its enrollment numbers to go down

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Garapan Elementary School expects the number of its students to go down because of the likely exodus of foreign workers who will bring their children with them when they go home to their countries of origin starting November 2011, according to principal Paulette Sablan.

As of yesterday, GES has 845 students from kindergarten to sixth grade—almost the same level as last school year's. Based, however, on the school's random conversations with parents, a large number of students may leave after November when their parents go back to their home countries.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services rules state that foreign nationals who are unemployed after Nov. 28, 2011, may face deportation pursuant to the new immigration policy governing foreign workers.

If this happens, Sablan said that about 50 GES students will be leaving the CNMI to be with their parents.

GES, she said, is preparing for this scenario and is now conducting counseling and guidance for affected students.

Sablan said children of foreign nationals are worried about their parents' situations and this might affect their studies and well-being.

A handful of parents have also notified the school about their intention to leave with their children if the situation worsens.

"We're still hoping it won't happen…but we're preparing ourselves. What we're doing now is we're guiding the affected kids and assisting them through counseling," she said yesterday.

Meantime, the school is excited with the construction of a five-classroom building that is expected to be completed within the school year.

Sablan said the contractor has already been given the go-signal to proceed and it is now busy setting up the perimeters for the project.

GES' kindergarten students are currently having classes in vacant MIHA homes located at the back of the school—a setup that has been criticized because of security concerns.

Saipan Tribune learned that the five new classrooms and two restrooms will be built on the second story of an existing building on campus.

Once completed, upper graders occupying the first floor classrooms would be transferred to the newly built rooms and their vacated rooms will be taken over by kindergarten students.

Sablan said they will also remap the buildings to provide bigger classrooms for reading resource and bilingual classes.

The project's estimated cost is $800,000, which will be funded by appropriation from the Legislature and the interest from the $15-million general obligation bond issued in 1998.

The new classrooms are expected to be operational next school year.

The project has been on the table for more than two years but was delayed due to the lack of funds.

Army retiree appointed to head the Military and Veterans Affairs Office

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial appointed Vicente Castro Camacho yesterday to serve as director for the Military and Veterans Affairs Office.

A native son of the CNMI, Camacho is a retired U.S. Army sergeant first class and former executive assistant for the Pentagon's Chief Information Office. The new director also holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Hamilton University.

This latest appointment fills the vacancy that came as a result of the retirement of Ruth A. Coleman. Since the former director's retirement, the Fitial administration had been considering potential individuals who would be able to take charge of tending to the needs of servicemembers and veterans.

"I am pleased that Mr. Camacho has decided to return home and expressed a great deal of interest to help our military community as the head of the Military and Veterans Affairs Office. He served the U.S. Army on active duty for 20 four years and even after his retirement, he took on professional civilian jobs with both the Navy headquarters and the Pentagon," said Fitial. "Lt. Gov. Inos and I are confident that he will serve our community of military personnel and veterans to the best of his ability."

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, has named Vicente Castro Camacho to serve as director for the Military and Veterans Affairs Office.

Camacho is considered a highly decorated service member. His professional background includes 14 years of Joint Military staff service, four years of Combined Military Forces service and six years of regular Army staff service. He was also the recipient of two Defense Meritorious Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, three Joint Service Achievement Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, seven Army Good Conduct Medals, an Army Commendation Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. ***(Office of the Governor)***

Information seminar for employers on application process for US visas

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an informational immigration processing seminar for employers on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, from 6pm to 7:30pm, at the American Memorial Park indoor auditorium/theatre. This seminar will be presented by immigration lawyers Bruce Mailman and Maya Kara.

The presentation will focus on the application process for USCIS visas, and will include discussion on how the recently distributed 2011 Survey on Wages, Salaries and Benefits would fit into that process for H-1B visa petitioning.

The Chamber will provide the Handbook for Employers, which includes instructions for completing Form I-9, DOJ workplace posters, and materials for distribution recently provided by USCIS at the seminar. The seminar is provided at no cost to Chamber members. Non-Chamber participants will be charged $15 for the session. ***(SCC)***

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Hearing set on four health corp. board nominees

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The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations set yesterday an Oct. 12 public hearing on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's four nominees to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of directors.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) set the public hearing immediately after the Senate received on Thursday the names of the governor's nominees.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) reiterated yesterday the need to expedite the confirmation process for the four nominees because their job helps ensure the delivery of healthcare.

The nominees are Joaquin S. Torres and Roy T. Rios representing Saipan, Anthony H. Aguon representing Tinian, and Pedro Q. Dela Cruz representing Rota.

The public hearing will be on Wednesday, 10am, in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill, Saipan.

Cruz's EAGI panel invited the following witnesses to provide comments during the public hearing: Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Department of Public Health, special assistant for administration, director of personnel management, public auditor, and private citizens.

Members of the general public are also encouraged to submit written testimony before the public hearing. Oral testimony will be received during the public hearing.

If confirmed, each one will serve a four-year term.

The creation of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., which officially came into being on Oct. 1, is expected to provide autonomy and management flexibility to the health department.

Car stolen from apartment parking lot in San Antonio

A car parked at an apartment in San Antonio was stolen yesterday.

Ruby Gozon told *Saipan Tribune* she immediately called 911 at 7:45am after finding out that that her 2005 maroon Ford Focus with license plate ACA-527 was missing.

Gozon said the car was parked Thursday night in front of their apartment room located near the former Winners Garment Factory and New World Market.

Gozon said only a car seat was inside the vehicle. She urged police to investigate the incident thoroughly as she believes the suspect is one of her neighbors.

As of press time Friday night, the vehicle has not been recovered.

A theft of vehicle was also reported in San Antonio several years ago, but two suspects were immediately arrested and the vehicle was subsequently recovered. **(*Ferdie de la Torre)***

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the uprising in Bahrain, leaving an uncertain record for the Arab protest movement

Prize committee chairman Thorbjoern Jagland noted that Kamran's work started before the Arab uprisings.

"Many years before the revolutions started she stood up against one of the most authoritarian and autocratic regimes in the world," he told reporters.

Johnson Sirleaf, 72, is a Harvard-trained economist who became Africa's first democratically elected female president in 2005.

Liberia was ravaged by civil wars for years until 2003 and is still struggling to maintain a fragile peace with the help of U.N. peacekeepers.

Sirleaf was seen as a reformer and peacemaker in Liberia when she took office. She is running for re-election this month and opponents in the presidential campaign have accused her of buying votes and using government funds to campaign. Her camp denies the charges.

The committee cited Johnson Sirleaf's efforts to secure peace in her country, promote economic and social development and strengthen the position of women.

Gbowee, who organized a group of Christian and Muslim women to challenge Liberia's warlords, was honored for mobilizing women "across ethnic and religious dividing lines to bring an end to the long war in Liberia, and to ensure women's participation in elections."

In 2009 she won a Profile in Courage Award, an honor named for a 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book written by John F. Kennedy, for her work in emboldening women in Liberia.

Yemen is an extremely conservative society but a feature of the Arab Spring uprising there has been a prominent role for women who turned out for protests in large numbers.

A resident of Taiz, a city in southern Yemen that is a hotbed of resistance against Saleh's regime, Karman is a journalist and member of Islah, an Islamic party. Her father is a former legal affairs minister under Saleh.

She was briefly detained in January, for a few hours, for leading anti-Saleh protests and was released after protesters rallied to pressure authorities for her release.

During a February rally in Sanaa, she told the AP: "We will retain the dignity of the people and their rights by bringing down the regime."

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murder of Zhou inside Yellow House Karaoke on March 1, 2000, this means he is now a free man.

The 34-year-old Cepeda appeared calm as he listened to a court staff and Inos who announced the jury's and the judge's verdict. He then hugged his counsel, Colin Thompson, and became teary-eyed when his parents embraced him.

Thompson thanked former police officer Christopher Leon Guerrero who, as the defense's private investigator, worked hard on the case.

"He [Cepeda] is now a free man; that's the good news," Thompson said.

Franklin Cepeda Sr., the defendant's father, believes the investigation in the case was rushed and pointed out that his son has been consistently saying he did not do the crime.

Assistant attorney general Peter B. Prestley said they are disappointed with the jury's verdict but respect their decision.

Prestley said they believe there was overwhelming evidence of Cepeda's guilt, including his confession to a family member, eyewitness testimony of co-defendant George Ilo, and corroborating eyewitness testimony of two other witnesses who were with Cepeda on the night of the murder.

Prestley said the judge finding Cepeda guilty of both misdemeanor charges is some consolation.

"We want to thank our staff for locating the discovery from over 11 years ago, and the hard work of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives involved in the investigation, especially the detectives who cracked the cold case in 2003," he added.

Cepeda's co-defendant, Ilo, who had already pleaded guilty in the same case, had testified that their plan was to rob Yellow House Karaoke so they could buy "ice." Ilo said he was holding a knife while Cabrera was armed with a baseball bat when they entered the bar.

He said Zhou grabbed the knife, triggering their struggle for possession of the weapon. Ilo said Cepeda hit the businessman with a baseball bat on the head.

"I saw blood coming out from Matthew's [Zhou] head," said Ilo, adding that he stabbed the victim, then Cepeda took the knife and repeatedly stabbed the victim.

It was the third trial in the murder of Zhou.

In 2000, the OAG charged Jeffrey Deleon Guerrero with the murder of Zhou, but he was later acquitted.

The OAG later charged Franklin Cepeda Jr. and Ilo. In January 2005, the jury found Franklin Cepeda Jr. guilty of first-degree murder, robbery, aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and conspiracy. He was sentenced to 66 years in prison.

Franklin Cepeda Jr., however, prevailed in his appeal. The CNMI Supreme Court vacated his convictions and ordered a new trial.

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resume their contracts. The Fund can hire new agents, and those agents can purchase insurance to mitigate the additional risks caused by Public Law 17-51," said the judge in his 14-page ruling.

The Fund, through counsel, Carolyn M. Kern, had questioned the constitutionality of the derivative law and argued that issuing a temporary restraining order against it will ensure that the Fund's assets are invested to maximize the length of time that benefit payments will continue.

The Fund had also asked the court to stop the Superior Court's clerk of court from accepting any lawsuit filed pursuant to Public Law 17-51.

The Office of the Attorney General, as counsel for Fitial, Inos, and the Superior Courts' clerk of court, had opposed the motion for temporary injunction.

Assistant attorney general Michael A. Stanker argued that Public Law 17-51 does not harm the Fund but actually endows it and the beneficiaries with additional benefits.

"While the practical effect of the law is that the Fund's agents have quit, all the board needs to do to remedy this situation is hire new agents," Stanker pointed out.

Three retirees—Mariano Taitano, Roman F. Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero—also opposed as intervenors to the Fund's request for a TRO, arguing through counsel Michael Dotts that there is no justification for the court to restrain Public Law 17-51, which is a lawfully enacted law.

Dotts said the Fund has other managers besides those who have quit.

In the Fund's TRO request, Kern said the Fund has already suffered irreparable harm when its investment consultant, actuary, and at least two money managers terminated or suspended their contracts with the Fund.

In denying the injunction, Govendo said that Public Law 17-51 does not directly affect the Fund's assets.

"Without a direct effect, the law cannot violate the Constitution. It merely has the incidental effects of chaining the contracting climate that the board must operate in," he said.

The judge said the temporary incidental effects of Public Law 17-51 do not constitute an impairment or a diminishment of the beneficiaries' interests.

The Fund, Govendo said, is fully capable of suing for any conduct by its agents that violates contracts.

"Public Law 17-51 expands the Fund's rights as the beneficiaries can now sue on behalf of the Fund when the board refuses to act. Thus, there is no impairment," Govendo pointed out.

Govendo held an emergency hearing on the TRO request on Sept. 19.

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17-44, Committee Substitute 1, Draft 5 was "irregularly introduced and passed without authority and is invalid on this basis."

But casino proponent Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) wished the reason for the veto was because it's "not a good bill" and not because of constitutionality issues that should have been decided by the court if and when somebody challenges the legislation.

"I wished the governor signed the local bill and let the court decide on it if somebody challenges it. But as governor, he has every right to do it," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. Other lawmakers refused to comment on the issue at this time.

Fitial said he respects and applauds the efforts of the members of the Legislature to seek solutions to the economic challenges facing the CNMI, but he had to veto the local casino bill.

"I wish I could affix my signature to this legislation. However, consistent with my constitutional obligations, I must regretfully veto this legislation," Fitial said in his veto message to Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

Fitial said the CNMI Legislature may enact a local law pertaining to matters affecting one senatorial district. But he said the legislative delegation of a district cannot enact a Commonwealth law affecting Commonwealth-wide interests.

HLB 17-44, CS1, D5 explicitly proposes a Commonwealth law to legalize casino gambling by exempting the Third Senatorial District, or Saipan, from the Commonwealth-wide prohibition on gambling, Fitial said. By its terms, and as a matter of law, the Saipan Casino Act is Commonwealth law, he added.

The governor said that HLB 17-44 was introduced and passed as a local bill but purports to establish Commonwealth law.

He said Article 21 of the CNMI Constitution permits gaming to be established by Commonwealth law, but this means by a regular act of both houses of the Legislature.

"Article 21 does not authorize a district delegation to enact a local bill to exempt its district from the Commonwealth-wide prohibition on gambling. The prohibition of gambling is a Commonwealth interest and a district delegation has no authority to enact a Commonwealth law by means of a local bill. HLB 17-44, CS1, D5 was irregularly introduced and passed without authority and is invalid on this basis," Fitial said.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of the local casino bill, declined to comment yesterday on the governor's veto of his bill.

But even before the governor's action, another House casino bill has already been worked on by Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and other members of the majority. This new House casino bill has yet to be pre-filed as of yesterday afternoon.

The Senate, which wants Saipan voters to make the decision whether they want casino gaming on their island, killed a House casino bill last year. It threatened to take to court the local casino legislation.

Because the House has not acted on a Senate bill seeking special election to ask Saipan voters on allowing casinos on Saipan, the Senate tapped students of Northern Marianas College under the Current Issues class of Sam McPhetres to do a special survey on Nov. 4.

Tenorio, whose House casino bill was rejected by the Senate, said at least three casino investor groups are waiting for the local casino bill to be signed into law. The former governor and speaker said only a multimillion casino industry at this time will save the NMI Retirement Fund and the economy.

Saipan voters had twice rejected casino gaming on Saipan; the last one was during the 2007 elections.

Off-island

Fitial left the CNMI for the Philippines on Thursday

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the governor had to take care of an "urgent family matter."

Demapan said because this is a four-day weekend anyway—austerity Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Commonwealth Cultural Day holiday on Monday—the governor decided it would be best to take care of the "family matter."

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been acting governor since Thursday.

Fitial is expected to be back to work on Tuesday.

Coast Guard brings water to drought-stricken Tokelau

The Coast Guard cutter *Walnut* is transiting 350 miles from American Samoa to the island nation of Tokelau to distribute about 36,000 gallons of drinking water. The Tokelau residents are suffering from severe drought conditions.

The *Walnut*, a 225-foot buoy tender homeported in Honolulu, was on routine patrol servicing aids to navigation when they received tasking to assist with this humanitarian mission.

Walnut is transporting a seven-person needs assessment team from the government of New Zealand and will deliver water to the 1,500 Tokelau residents.

The *Walnut* is a major multi-mission asset for the 14th Coast Guard District. The *Walnut* is uniquely equipped to perform this mission and was involved in several significant operations within the last 10 years.

In November of 2002, the crew of the *Walnut* left on a six-month deployment to support the U.S. and Coalition forces in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The cutter crew provided logistical support to coalition forces and established a navigational channel in the Khawr Abd Allah waterway leading to the Iraqi port.

In the summers of 2008 and 2009 the *Walnut* crew assisted the U.S. Army and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel recover more than 62,000 pounds of marine debris from the Northwest Hawaiian Islands. This debris was delivered to the Hawaiian Electric Company on Oahu where it was converted into electricity.

In May of 2010 the *Walnut* deployed to the Gulf of Mexico for six months in support of the Deep Water Horizon oil spill. While responding to the oil spill the crew recovered more than 270,000 gallons of oily water. During its transit to the Gulf of Mexico the *Walnut* crew interdicted an Ecuadorian go-fast vessel and confiscated 300 pounds of cocaine.

"We are a military service whose mission is multi-operational; not only do we service aids to navigation, perform search and rescue and law enforcement, we also have the capability to respond to humanitarian missions," said Lt. Cmdr. Brian Huff, commanding officer of the *Walnut*. "We are fortunate to be in the position to work with foreign and local governments and help the people in Tokelau."

The U.S. Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand contacted Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu Sunday to discuss transporting a New Zealand assessment team and drinking water to Tokelau.

Tokelau has no useable airfield, making an air mission impossible. The *Walnut* rendezvoused with New Zealand's seven-person assessment team in American Samoa and is transiting with them to Tokelau. After a 30-hour transit the *Walnut* and assessment team will arrive in Tokelau early Friday morning. ***(U.S. Coast Guard/Petty Officer 3rd Class Angela Henderson)***

Delegates urge change to FCC Universal Service Funding rule

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegates from Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands recently urged the Federal Communication Commission to adopt specific universal service support mechanisms for the insular areas that recognize the unique economic, social, and geographic challenges facing the U.S. territories.

In a letter to FCC chair Julius Genachowski, the delegates emphasize the need for modifications to the newly created Connect America Fund, a component of the FCC's Universal Service Funding, USF. USF was developed to assist rural and economically disadvantaged areas in the U.S. receive affordable telephone service, and the delegates' letter was written on behalf of broadband carriers in Guam.

The delegates underscore that the territories do not have commensurate telecommunication or broadband service capabilities like those that are provided to residents in many of the 50 states. They stress the need for FCC support in order for telecommunication companies in the territories to compete and enhance voice and broadband services in these jurisdictions. Specifically, the delegates urge the FCC to adopt the following changes to the newly created CAF:

■ An alternative universal service reform approach for the insular areas by exempting insular carriers from any phase-down of, or caps on, current levels of high-cost support.

■ Avert implementation of a reverse auction mechanism for broadband funding in the insular areas, or set aside funding specifically for broadband funding in the insular areas.

■ Exempt insular areas from its prior decision to cap support for competitive carriers at March 2008 levels.

■ Include a policy in their final regulations that would prohibit any carrier who receives FCC funding from charging international rates for calls to the insular areas from the mainland.

"Telecommunication companies in Guam and the insular areas continue to face significant challenges in providing and expanding broadband services in the territories," said Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo. "As federal regulations governing broadband funding are developed, we urge the FCC to adopt policies that address the unique circumstances facing carriers in the territories. I thank Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, Congresswoman Donna Christensen, and Congressman Kilili Sablan for joining me in this request. I will continue to work with the FCC to ensure that they implement policies beneficial to Guam's telecommunication industry." ***(PR)***

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NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS' SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Time: 10:00a.m.

Place: Northern Marianas College
Board of Regents Conference Room
Building P, Saipan Campus

AGENDA

I. Call Meeting to Order
- a. Roll Call
- b. Review and Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comment Period: Individuals may orally testify on items on this agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written Testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes.

III. Old Business
- a. WASC Accreditation Update

IV. New Business
- a. NMC October 15, 2011 Follow Up Report to ACCJC
- b. Presidential Goals for 2012
- c. To suspend Board Policy No. 1008: Standing Committees of the Board

V. Executive Session
(At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

VI. Miscellaneous
- a. Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
- b. Apprenticeship in the CNMI
- c. Ed to Go Contract
- d. NMC State of the College Address

VII. Adjournment

/s/ Elaine Hocog Orilla
Acting BOR Chairperson

Date: October 7, 2011

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Marianas Public Land Trust has scheduled a MPLT Trustees Regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 beginning at 9:30am at MPLT Conference Room, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

The following agenda is hereby established:

I PRELIMINARIES
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

III CONSULTANT'S REPORTS
1. Investment Consultant Report
2. Loan Administrator
3. Legal Counsel Report
4. Board Consultant Report

IV OLD BUSINESS
1. Alternative Investment
2. CDA - SSBCI
3. Personnel Matter

V COMMUNICATIONS
- Worker's Compensation

VI NEW BUSINESS
- CHC – Electronic Health Record (EHR)

VII MISCELLANEOUS

VIII ADJOURNMENT

At anytime during this scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees may be required to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.

In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by the recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body. All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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EDITORIAL

Steve Jobs, visionary for the 'regular guy'

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Few have transformed the way we work, play and communicate as profoundly as Steve Jobs, who, along with co-founder Steve Wozniak, started Apple Computer in a garage during Silicon Valley's fairy tale days of the late 1970s.

Jobs, who died Wednesday at the age of 56, embraced technology as a tool of daily life rather than as a triumph of scientific genius. His vision was that computer use for simple, everyday tasks should not require a degree in computer science. And he made sure it didn't.

Jobs was perhaps the most influential and inspirational corporate leader of his generation. Apple's Macintosh "reinvented" the computer as a user-friendly consumer product with calligraphy-inspired script. The iPod radically altered the way we bought and enjoyed music. The iPhone turned a mobile device into a must-have fashion statement, and the iPad electronic tablet was so versatile that people of nearly any age could play games, read newspapers or watch video on it with scant instruction.

More than any of his contemporaries, Jobs was a consummate marketer with an uncanny appreciation for designing products with the consumer in mind. Apple products had to be useful and profitable, and Jobs didn't hide his disappointment if both standards weren't met.

Asked if IBM had pride of workmanship in its IBM PC Jr., a short-lived failure, Jobs bluntly responded, "If they did, they wouldn't have made it."

Jobs, in effect, was capturing his vision in a 2006 interview in which he said: "When you first start off trying to solve a problem, the first solutions you come up with are very complex, and most people stop there. But if you keep going, and live with the problem and peel more layers of the onion off, you can oftentimes arrive at some very elegant and simple solutions. Most people just don't put in the time or energy to get there."

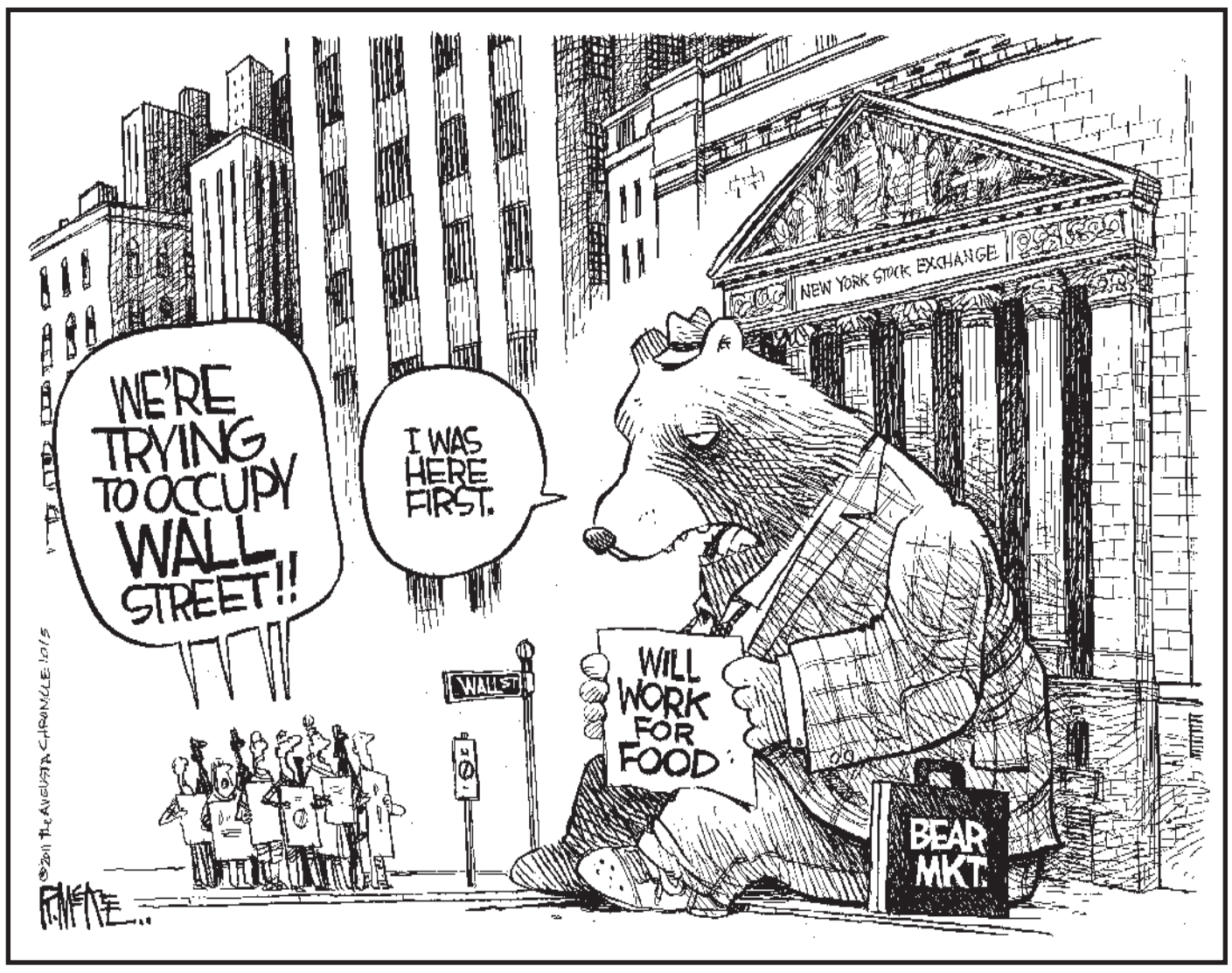
Jobs could be surprisingly philosophical regarding his own success and failure. At age 25, he was a multimillionaire and the wunderkind on the cover of every business magazine, a magical time when computer whizzes such as Bill Gates and Michael Dell epitomized youthful brilliance. By Jobs' 30th birthday, Apple's directors had abruptly bounced the headstrong Jobs from the company in favor of a veteran soda drink marketing executive.

Later, Jobs would say the firing liberated him from expectations of earlier successes, allowed him to innovate on his terms and ultimately paved his triumphant return to Apple to reinvigorate a company that had lost direction in his absence.

"The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work, and the only way to do great work is to love what you do," he said.

Indeed, Jobs will be remembered for melding originality and culture in technological innovation, doing what he called "trusting that the dots will somehow connect in your future," an approach he said "never let me down and made all the difference in my life."

And, we dare say, Jobs' contributions to innovation and society will continue to make a difference in the lives of consumers and entrepreneurs for years to come.



Watch out for Putin, and Russia

By LEON ARON
Los Angeles Times

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The news itself was hardly startling. It has been increasingly clear during the last year that the Regent (Vladimir Putin) would recover the throne from the Dauphin (Dmitry Medvedev). But now that it seems a certainty that Russia is headed for (at least) 12 more years of Putinism, alarm bells ought to be sounding. Why? Because by every indicator—macroeconomic, political, social—the system that Putin forged in the early 2000s is all but exhausted and is driving the country toward a dead end. It must be radically reformed, or better yet, discarded. But how can it be gotten rid of with its creator back in control?

In the last 12 years, first under Putin and then under the Putin-Medvedev duo, Russia's dependence on oil exports has grown enormously, and with it the economy's vulnerability to swings in the world hydrocarbon market. In the early years of this century, oil exports accounted for one-third of the state budget; today they constitute one-half. At this point, the country's budget could be balanced only if the price of oil were to rise above $125 a barrel. Already the ruble is at a two-year low against the dollar, and the stock market is down 20 percent this year.

If it continues on its current path, Russia is headed toward becoming a petro-state, with all the problems such systems spawn: pervasive corruption, sharp income differentiation, a lack of social mobility, a decline in scientific and technological progress, and increased control of the economy by government monopolies. As Medvedev himself has admitted, a trillion rubles (or about $30 billion) is simply stolen from the budget every year.

According to public opinion polls, a majority of Russians believes that there is more corruption today than during the "lawless 1990s." The courts are for sale and police are so corrupt, incompetent and brutal that Russians say they are often more afraid of them than of criminals. Business creation is stifled, because for many potential entrepreneurs, the "corruption tax" is prohibitive. Despite trillions of petrodollars pouring into government coffers, education and healthcare are, in many instances, less available and of poorer quality then they were in the old Soviet Union.

The deterioration of education has meant that as the current generation of scientist and engineers reaches retirement age, there aren't enough highly trained people to replace them. With its satellites falling out of the sky and its intercontinental ballistic missiles failing test after test, Russia now imports not only passenger planes but high-tech weaponry and battleships.

With the population aging rapidly, the state-owned pension fund has run up enormous deficits and may be close to collapse. Inflation is dangerously high at 8 percent—largely the result of a government move to raise pensions and salaries in advance of the December and March elections, which will be little more than shams. As Putin himself acknowledged last week, very painful cost-cutting measures will have to be undertaken to stave off budget deficits and inflation.

The result of all these things has been a mass out-migration of Russia's most productive citizens and their families, with more than a million leaving in the last few years. Many more have vowed to leave if Putin becomes president again.

The cure for this systemic and increasingly acute malaise is well known: modernization. Both Medvedev and Putin have uttered that word hundreds of times, but they have failed to embrace what it would mean in Russia: impartial courts, honest and competent bureaucracies, a truly uncensored press, free and fair elections at all levels of government, de-monopolization of key sectors of the economy and a reduction of state control of the economy.

In other words, to truly embrace modernization, Putin would have to dismantle the very institutions and traditions he set up—a most unlikely eventuality. Yet, with its continuity now assured and normal channels of political feedback and change stifled, discontent is certain to acquire more dangerous street forms.

The United States must prepare for all manner of destabilizing developments in the world's other nuclear superpower. We should also be ready for greater truculence in Russia's relations with the West and greater assertiveness with regard to the former Soviet republics, which it still considers part of its "sphere of influence."

The U.S. and its allies are likely, once again, to be exposed to Putin's harangues and to policies informed by his profound mistrust of the West and his perennial theatrical overreactions to perceived slights. Moscow's cooperation on Afghanistan is likely to continue, because a Taliban victory would not be in Russia's strategic interest. But no progress should be expected on the European missile defense, Putin's bête noir, while the modest progress that has been made in enlisting Russian support of sanctions on Iran might be halted or even reversed.

Over the last few years, the U.S. goal with regard to Russia has been to try to reset relations. To the extent that success requires at least some confluence of values between the two political systems, that objective now seems almost impossibly distant. Russia is entering rough waters, and the world will feel the turbulence.

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Hang on for dear life to political rollercoaster

By CARL LEUBSDORF
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Three weeks ago, Rick Perry was the front-runner in the Republican presidential polls. Today, he's struggling to keep his candidacy afloat, thanks to an unpopular immigration position, poor debate performances and questions about a racist name on a ranch his family leased.

Surprising? Not really. What's happening to the Texas governor is symptomatic of the roller-coaster rides that are the rule, rather than the exception, in presidential politics. As Perry has discovered, running for president is really hard. Often, those who are leading six months before the primaries and a year before the general election become also-rans.

The current GOP race has been especially volatile. Michelle Bachmann soared after a good early debate performance, only to drop like a stone soon after winning the Iowa straw poll because conservatives embraced neophyte candidate Perry. When Perry encountered problems, some of his support suddenly shifted to businessman Herman Cain, an African-American who has never held elected office.

That's par for the course. Four years ago, Sen. Hillary Clinton was the favorite for the Democratic nomination and both former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Sen. Fred Thompson led Sen. John McCain in the GOP race.

In fact, in virtually every presidential election since World War II, the ultimate result and many nominees bore little resemblance to earlier expectations.

The 2008 election of Barack Obama, who at this point four years ago was fighting for traction in the Democratic race, is but the most recent example. Here are some others:

In 1991, the first President George Bush looked like such a shoo-in that many top Democrats passed up the 1992 race. After Bill Clinton became the Democratic leader, personal scandals threatened to sink his candidacy. By June, businessman Ross Perot led both Bush and Clinton in some national polls. Clinton won comfortably.

Three years later, Clinton looked like a one-term president. His party had suffered a midterm election licking and he was having problems coping with the aggressive new GOP congressional majority. But Republicans over-reached and, a year later, he won easily over Bob Dole.

A year before the 1984 election, astronaut John Glenn looked like Walter Mondale's main Democratic challenger. Glenn never was a factor. And those January 1984 polls showing Mondale leading President Ronald Reagan gave way to a 49-state rout for Reagan.

President Richard Nixon looked in serious trouble a year before his 1972 landslide. And who would have believed a year ahead that Jimmy Carter would win the presidency in 1976 or Reagan would in 1980?

So how to make sense of the current GOP contest?

By all signs, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney remains the front-runner. But polls generally show him with only between one-quarter and one-third of the vote, while a pack of conservatives have a far larger portion combined.

There's time for one of them—most likely, Perry—to solidify support to become Romney's major rival in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. Often before, the candidates' pecking order in those two crucial states changed dramatically in the final two months before they voted.

And Romney, the strong early leader in New Hampshire, could still benefit from the split field to start building an insurmountable lead despite continuing conservative doubts he's not really one of them.

As for next fall, all traditional signs show Obama in serious trouble: A massive majority thinks the country is headed in the wrong direction, unemployment seems stuck about 9 percent and he's only polling at a dangerously low mid-40s against top Republicans.

But the Democratic base looks solidly behind him, and Republicans will have to nominate a candidate acceptable to a majority of independents to benefit from what seems like a golden opportunity.

A Republican landslide or a narrow Obama win? Or vice versa? History tells us anything is possible.

Don't dismantle our government

By PETER GOLDMARK
Newsday

Peter Goldmark, a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune*, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund. He wrote this for* Newsday.

There was a moment in one of the Republican debates last month when candidate Ron Paul said: "9/11 came about because there was too much government." That statement is flat-out delusional—yet not one of the other candidates challenged the Texas congressman's point.

I want to challenge Paul and others who think that way. I want to challenge those politicians who attack and seek to unravel the American system of government.

Some of the trademarks of this thinking are: a willingness or eagerness to see the federal government default on its debt obligations or shut down for lack of funding; a belief that all taxation is bad, that the less we have of any kind of taxation, the better off we will be; and a stance that suggests that the federal government is the source of everything that is wrong with our country.

We forget sometimes what other people and countries around the world admire about the United States. It's not our military power—there've been other empires with huge armies and navies. It's not our commercial strength that commands respect—there have been and will be other commercial powers as successful as the United States, and as a matter of fact, there is one emerging now—China—that is bidding to surpass us. If the economic geniuses in the tea party succeed in pushing the American economy into a serious depression, China may just be able to do it.

What sets us apart, and what others have admired since our founding, is our system of government: its individual liberties, its limited government with checks and balances, its flexibility and capacity for pragmatic innovation, and the rule of law. I've talked with people in Europe, Asia, Africa and most recently in the Balkans. Many of them would like—many of them have risked their lives—to live under a system of government like ours. They find it incredible that there's now a major political group in the United States that wants to unravel our system of government.

Proposing or opposing a particular plan, policy, law or aspect of government is legitimate—indeed, that kind of criticism and debate is central to our system and is one of the things that makes it so strong.

But trying to take down the system itself—that is extremist and destructive. That's what the communists, for example, tried to do.

The behavior of many who march in the name of the tea party suggests that they want to turn their back on what made us great. Some of them want to abolish the Federal Reserve, which has been admired around the world as the anchor of sensible monetary policy for a century—keeping the banking sector honest and fighting inflation. Others are beginning to question legal as well as illegal immigration, when ours is a country built on the import of tough, resilient, innovative talent willing to cast their lot with a young democracy.

I don't mind the rough and tumble of politics, and I don't even mind a little loud rhetoric and healthy exaggeration. But if you want to undo Social Security, tell everyone they have to get health care totally on their own, abolish the Federal Reserve and think it's OK for the United States to default on its debts, then I say you are trying to take apart the American government. The line the extreme right spouts is an incantation. Its adherents argue that cutting taxes will create jobs, but they don't have any research to support that. The biggest advances in America have come when we've paid attention to the facts and acted pragmatically and innovatively. We're in deep trouble now, and incantations and magic potions won't cut it.

The presence of a significant movement in our midst that seeks to paralyze or take apart the American government is the single biggest threat today to what we need most: a common effort to adopt practical solutions to the huge economic problems that face us. Before we are done, each of us will have to decide which side we are on.

Countering the growing missile threat

By OWEN GRAHAM
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America faces a growing missile threat from abroad—along with the prospect of huge defense cuts. Something's wrong with this equation.

Speakers at the annual Space and Missile Defense Conference in Huntsville, Ala., outlined the extent of that threat, and agreed that robust missile defenses are crucial. But with the tight fiscal environment and defense programs on the chopping block, this task will be more difficult. And America isn't adequately protected as it is.

According to Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, director of the Missile Defense Agency, more than 32 countries now possess ballistic missiles. He raised concerns about the proliferation of anti-ship missiles and an increase in ballistic-missile production facilities.

Anti-ship ballistic missiles (ASBM) pose a significant threat to U.S. Navy warships and to international freighters traveling through strategic "chokepoints" such as the Strait of Hormuz. An ASBM moves considerably faster than a conventional anti-ship missile and is far tougher to kill. They can be fired from stationary sites or road-mobile units miles away from shipping lanes. Road-mobile missile units are difficult to detect, even by satellites.

O'Reilly said ASBMs had been "tested" and "ships had been sunk." He was almost certainly referring to Iran's successful test of an ASBM—a Fateh-110 with improved guidance. It marks a step forward for Iran, yet lacks the sophistication of China's new ASBM, the Dongfeng-21D (DF-21D).

The Pentagon's latest annual report on China's military progress says the DF-21D is meant to prevent the U.S. from operating effectively in the western Pacific. The report also says China is improving its strategic missile forces and may be developing a new multi-warhead "road-mobile ICBM." Could this help explain China's increasing assertiveness in regional disputes?

Then, of course, there's the potential missile proliferation arising from upheaval in the Middle East. According to Uzi Rubin, an expert on Iran's ballistic missile program, hundreds, if not thousands, of missiles are in Iran, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Yemen. And, he warned, Venezuela—not far from the United States—could join that list. Iran and other rogue states, meanwhile, are always working to develop longer-range capabilities.

Another threat we can't afford to ignore is an electromagnetic pulse attack. An EMP is produced by a nuclear weapon detonated at a high altitude. This underscores the need for missile defense—a ballistic missile is the most effective means of delivering an EMP weapon. A successful attack could decimate America's electrical infrastructure and cause a catastrophe such as a large urban blackout—or worse.

A missile delivered to produce an EMP wouldn't have to be launched from 5,000 miles away. Short-range missile can be placed on cargo vessels off the U.S. coast to launch a missile at the homeland (the "Scud-in-the-bucket" scenario).

In 2004, a congressionally mandated commission found that an EMP attack is "one of a small number of threats that has the potential to hold our society seriously at risk and might result in defeat of our military forces." Five other commissions and major government studies have independently concurred. Despite this, there has been a bipartisan failure to address this threat—and virtual silence from the Obama administration.

A "Scud-in-the-bucket" EMP strike could be followed by cruise missile attack. A cruise missile could be fitted with a biological or chemical spray unit. If these missiles have terrain-mapping capabilities, they can be guided around like an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

Then there's Russia, with whom the U.S. has supposedly "reset" relations. It just unveiled the Club-K—a container-based cruise missile for sale on the international market. This cruise missile is hidden in a "shipping container" that disguises the transporter-erecter-launcher for the Club-K missile. Iran and other state actors are potential customers. It could also fall into the hands of terrorists.

The U.S. needs a comprehensive missile-defense system to counter these existing threats and stay ahead of emerging ones. The administration's approach of funding "just enough" missile defense may be too little, too late, especially if further cuts lay ahead.

When it comes to defense, it's better to prepare than repair. Let's turn this wrong-headed equation around.

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Palau	Rain	▲84	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲83	▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼73
Kosrae	Sunny	▲91	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲82	▼76

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Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Rain	▲60	▼49
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Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼59
Paris	Showers	▲67	▼57
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Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
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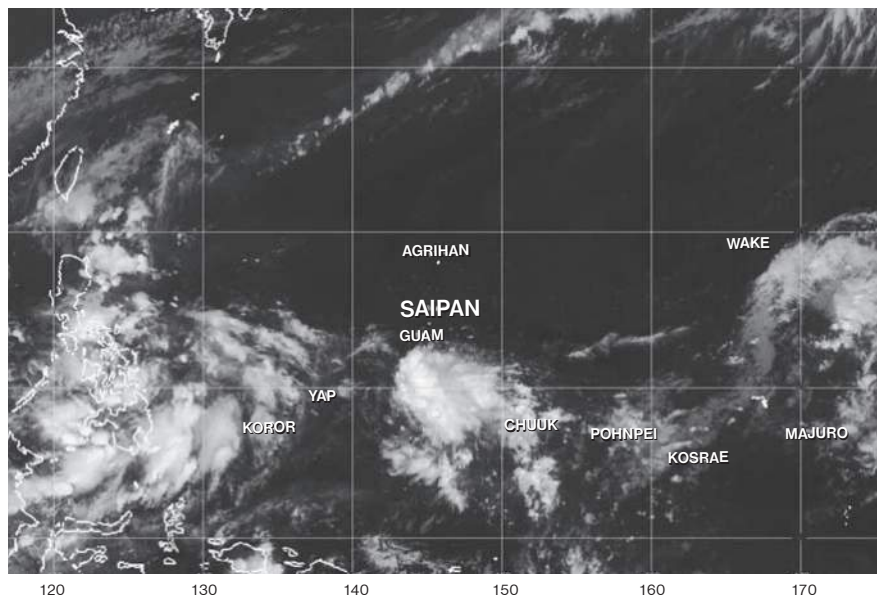

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Sunrise/Sunset

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Sunday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:28 PM	2:49 AM
Sunday	4:04 PM	3:37 AM
Monday	4:40 PM	4:24 AM
Tuesday	5:17 PM	5:10 AM
Wednesday	5:54 PM	5:57 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat)
Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service
located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 8, 2001

MVA's request for $1M in emergency funds backed
The Commonwealth Ports Authority has expressed support to the Marianas Visitors Authority's request for an emergency measure funding of $1 million. The additional funding has been eyed to help the MVA effectively promote the Northern Marianas as a safe tourist destination, in light of the worsening travel scare caused by the September 11 terror attacks. Citing the possible damages that may virtually cripple the CNMI's revenue base, which may eventually affect the delivery of public services, the CPA Board urged the 12th CNMI Legislature to appropriate the needed financial assistance to the MVA's marketing and promotional activities.

BOE reprograms $12K for books
The State Board of Education recently moved to reprogram its remaining Fiscal Year 2001 operating balance to the purchase of students' books. The board's adjusted balance of $12,399, according to a Public School System fiscal report, has been set aside for the procurement of the instructional materials. The BOE, on Thursday, also voted to assign a portion of its FY 2002 staffing budget to hire a full time equivalent tasked to write bid specifications under the PSS' Capital Improvement Projects. Instead of hiring two administrative assistants as provided for under its budget, the BOE has decided to reserve one item for the professional position.

Oct. 8, 2002

Tenorio starts term as APIL vice president
House Vice Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio has officially started a year-long term as Vice President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures representing the Commonwealth Legislature. Heinz S. Hofschneider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has appointed Tenorio to serve as an official of the 12-member entity Pacific organization. Tenorio, who was sworn into the post by Supreme Court Associate Justice Alexandro Castro last week, was supposed to assume the organization's presidency but decided to give way to the current chief, Pohnpei Vice Speaker Quirino I. Mendiola, for purposes of continuity. According to the CNMI legislator, the setup would allow Mendiola, who is serving his second consecutive term as APIL president, to continue pushing for the projects he has started on behalf of the organization.

Micronesians recognized for local input
House members have offered a resolution recognizing members of the Freely Associated States community for their social and economic contributions to the Northern Marianas. In the form of a House resolution, Vice Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio, the author, hailed working Micronesians for their part in keeping the CNMI's economic fate resilient. "Even amid an economic downturn, they stayed and contributed to the local economy. Some of them are providing valuable services in the managerial level, in education, tourism and other areas. We should show them how much we value their input," said Tenorio in an interview yesterday.

Oct. 8, 2004

NMI labor and immigration get $600K grant
The U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded the CNMI a $600,000 grant to help beef up the processing of labor complaints, immigration hearings, and the handling of displaced workers. The Attorney General's Office announced yesterday that the grant will help provide funding for two hearing officers at the Department of Labor, as well as three attorneys and two paralegals dealing exclusively with labor and immigration issues at the AGO. A total of $33,980 has also been set aside for training of new and current enforcement officers in the Labor Department. "The Department of Labor has identified available funding to recruit a greater number of enforcement personnel to meet the CNMI's goal of making labor law enforcement more effective and efficient," said attorney general Pamela S. Brown.

CRMO gets $1.3M grant
The Coastal Resources Management Office received close to $1.3 million as grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. CNMI press secretary Pete Callaghan said Gov. Juan N. Babauta accepted Wednesday the grant money amounting to $1,296,000, about two-thirds of which would support personnel expenses, while the rest would be used for operations and special projects. Callaghan emphasized that the CRMO has been involved with numerous activities to protect and restore the CNMI's coastal resources.

Maharlika

‘Sharp increase’ in OWWA application on Rota

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General has noted a sharp increase in the number of applications for Overseas Workers Welfare Administration membership among Filipino workers on Rota.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said that a total of 116 OWWA applications were processed during the mobile consular services held at the Northern Marianas College Rota Campus last Oct. 1 and 2.

Macaraig led the team that included welfare officer Julia Fabian and staffers Violaflor Enerlan-Ancheta, Liza Dean, Antonio David, and Remily Oca.

In an interview, Macaraig disclosed that “a lot” of the OWWA applications processed were already expired and that Filipino workers were just waiting for the Consulate to bring the mobile services to Rota.

Macaraig is pleased because Filipino workers on Rota who renewed their OWWA memberships are preparing for two reasons: the possibility that they will be sent home once a qualified U.S. worker applies for their positions and to take advantage of the OFW Reintegration Loan program.

President Benigno Aquino III launched the P2-billion (about $45.724 million) OFW Reintegration Loan program, which would provide OFWs with loan amounts ranging from P300,000 to P2 million (about $6,800 to $46,000) at an interest rate of 7.5 percent per annum, during Migrant Workers Day on June 7.

The loan fund program is a joint venture of the Department of Labor and Employment, OWWA, Land Bank of the Philippines, and the Development Bank of the Philippines. OWWA gave P1 billion (about $22.967 million) while LBP and DBP each provided $500 million (about $11.4835 million) for the program.

“I’m happy on those two reasons,” Macaraig yesterday told *Saipan Tribune*.

While the CNMI law states that the last employer on record is responsible for the repatriation of the employee, Macaraig believes Filipino workers who renewed their OWWA memberships “want additional assurance” that they will be repatriated.

The Consul General said the team also processed 44 ePassport applications, 14 applications for reports of birth, and rendered notarial services for Filipinos on Rota.

Macaraig added that several Filipino workers requested for assistance in various cases, including assistance in their financial claims, especially those whose status will expire in November 2011.

“The Philippine Consulate General expresses its appreciation to Mayor and Mrs. Melchor Mendiola, the Filipino community of Rota led by Mr. Alejandro Badilles, and to Fr. Charlie Borja of the San Francisco de Borja Parish for the support and assistance extended to the consular team,” he said.

Absentee voting registration

Macaraig disclosed that the next mobile consular services to be held on Rota and Tinian will offer the registration of qualified Filipino overseas absentee voters to allow them to vote for the senatorial elections in May 2013.

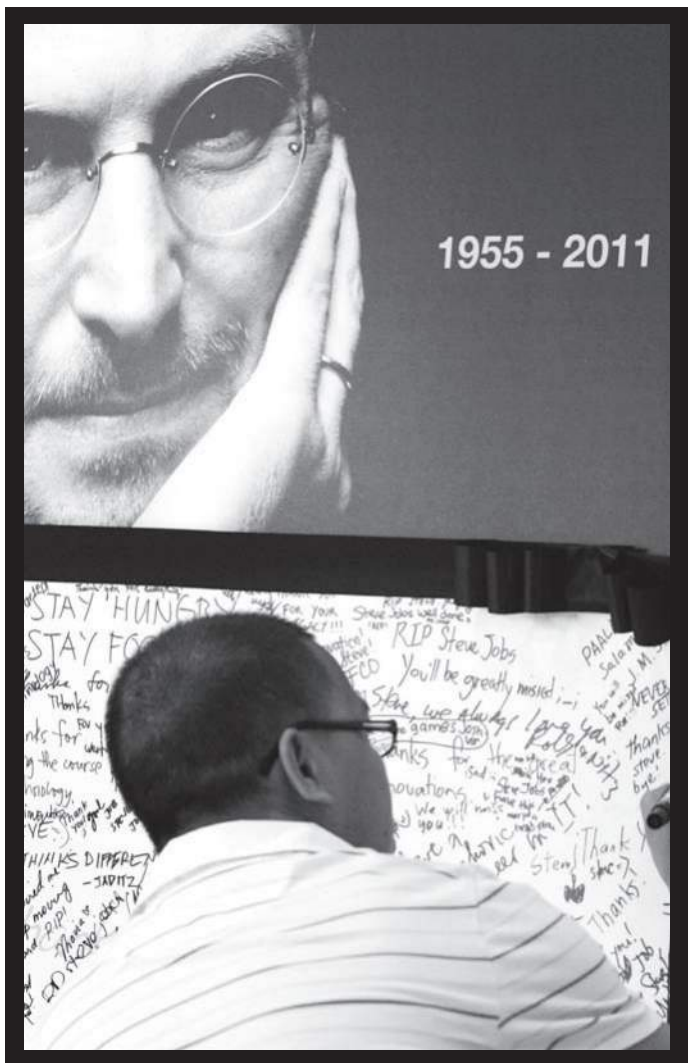
Registration begins on Oct. 31.

According to Macaraig, the Commission on Election office in Manila wants their office to conduct an outreach on the absentee voting registration.

But Macaraig pointed out that this would be “impractical” and “a waste of taxpayer’s money” given the current situation in the CNMI.

“The biggest concern now is the CW and visa applications as well as passport applications and renewal,” he said.

Macaraig requested Comelec that the budget for the absentee voting outreach event be disbursed on a later date “when those who will stay and don’t will finally be determined.”



IN MEMORIAM AP
A man writes writes a condolence note to pay tribute to Apple co-founder and former CEO Steve Jobs at an Apple Store Friday Oct. 7, 2011 in Manila financial district of Makati, Philippines. Jobs, the man behind Apple’s iPhone, iPad, Ipod, iMac and iTunes, died at the age of 56.

Comelec targets one million overseas voters

The Philippines’ Commission on Elections aims to have at least one million registered overseas voters at the end of the current registration period slated to start on Oct. 31, 2011, and end on Oct. 31, 2012.

Comelec disclosed this registration target in the first leg of its U.S. voter registration push held on Oct. 5, 2011, at the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco.

Commissioners Lucenito N. Tagle and Christian Robert Lim met with community leaders together with Consul General Marciano A. Paynor, Jr. Comelec officials, responding to feedback from the community, also announced initiatives that would address the issues surrounding registration and voting, in the hope that suffrage participation will be enhanced.

The Consul-General and Comelec highlighted the different factors that tended to impede a steady and significant flow of registrants. Comelec outlined its action program to redress the impeding factors.

Community leaders focused on three major impeding elements that account for the relatively low turnout for registration and voting: 1) the extraordinary burden posed by the requirement of physical presence at the nearest Consulate; 2) the intimidating effect of requiring registrants to sign the Affidavit to Return within three years from registration; and 3) interruptions in the Continuing Voter Registration process.

Requiring the physical presence in the nearest Consulate entails heavy demands on the voter in terms of time and money, which many cannot afford. For example: it was pointed out that the San Francisco Consulate General covers 10 states, including Alaska. It takes the whole day to complete door-to-door air travel, similar time for the return flight and additional time to drive to and from the Consulate. The time lost plus the wages or vacation leave foregone constitute an unreasonable or insurmountable burden. This hurdle is replicated in many other areas where the nearest Consulate is a great distance from many OFWs, especially in Saudi Arabia with a 1.8 million Filipino population unofficially estimated by recruitment agencies.

Comelec officials expressed complete support to provisions imbedded in bills to amend the Overseas Absentee Voting Law authorizing Internet Voter Registration and Voting. In addition to addressing burdens imposed by physical presence at Consulates, it was recognized that the IT solution would also address other operational problems in administering the OAV Law, such as changes in address of registrants.

The Forum participants, including the Comelec officials, echoed the intimidating effect of immigrant voter registrants posed by the Affidavit to Return. It was pointed out that legislators concerned are unanimous in their intent to eliminate the Affidavit requirement. Senate Bill 3565 and House Bill 2301 provide for the deletion of the Affidavit requirement.

The USP4GG officer brought out the possibility that Comelec could, without waiting for legislative action, declare the affidavit requirement unconstitutional on the basis of the principle of equal protection under the Constitution. It was reasoned out that if dual citizens may register and vote without having to sign the Affidavit, immigrants have similar rights.

Comelec officials suggested to the USP4GG officer that a suit be filed against Comelec challenging the constitutionality of the Affidavit provision. That action would trigger a subsequent Supreme Court definitive action.

The Forum also brought out the legal opinion of Alberto C. Agra, former Secretary of Justice and Counsel of Global Filipino Nation, to the effect that Filipino immigrants abroad comply with the affidavit to return by demonstrating their intent to do so in a variety of acts, activities and utterances. These ways include: signing the affidavit itself; ownership or lease of property; business operations; paying any form of tax; regular remittances to families; being a registered voter; statements in various documents; and others.

It was requested that the Comelec en banc act on the pending request of GFN to allow the availability of copies of the Agra Opinion at the voter registration places to address the possible hesitancy of immigrants from filing voter registration papers. The availability of the Agra Opinion does not imply an endorsement by the Comelec.

The Comelec Commissioners at the Forum indicated that they would take up the suggestion with the Comelec En Banc.

Finally, the Forum participants requested for ongoing, uninterrupted Voter Registration as a means for further enlarging the list of overseas voters—even far more than the current target of one million. It was argued that genuinely Continued Voter Registration involves uninterrupted voter registration with Philippine Consulates abroad. There could still be a cut-off for determining eligibility to vote for a given national election. Those who miss the deadline for the cut-off date will be eligible to vote in the subsequent elections.

Section 7 of R.A. 9189 provides for Continued Voter Registration to optimize the use of existing resources. While Sec. 13 stipulates that the Certified List of Overseas Absentee Voters be prepared 120 days prior to every election, nowhere in the law is there an indication that the registration process should stop. Consulates already have the staff, equipment and willingness to handle uninterrupted voter registration. They have staff complement who regularly handles dual citizenship applications.

The Comelec Commissioners conveyed to the Forum participants that they found the proposal for ongoing voter registration sensible. The GFN Convenors indicated that there is a pending request for this arrangement with the Comelec en banc. ***(PR)***

Latest push for Kilili’s bill a ‘welcome development

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The Natural Resources Committee’s unanimous consent to send Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan’s bill recommending a CNMI-only resident status for four groups of people to the full U.S. House of Representatives is a welcome development for the Philippine Consulate General.

“We’re happy that the bill is moving forward. We hope it will get approved very soon but Kilili already noted that it will take time and that it will not become law by Nov. 27,” Consul General Medardo Macaraig said yesterday.

H.R. 1466 would allow persons born in the Northern Marianas between 1974 and 1978, persons given permanent resident status under CNMI law, and their family members to continue to live and work in the Marianas. The bill also permits immediate family members of U.S. citizens to remain in the Marianas until they can adjust their status under U.S. immigration law.

Macaraig disclosed that there was a “misconception” among some members of the Filipino community that Sablan’s bill is “already with the U.S. Senate.”

H.R. 1466 still has to be passed by the full U.S. House of Representatives and then by the U.S. Senate before it gets to President Barack Obama for action.

Although many Filipinos will benefit from Sablan’s bill should it become law, Macaraig urged all Filipinos, especially those falling under any of the four groups in HR 1466, to “prepare for two eventualities.”

“If the bill becomes law, then thank you. But we should also be prepared if the bill is not passed by the U.S. Congress. Even if it is enacted into law, if it won’t be timely, we have to be prepared,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Labor representative Carmelina Velasquez, in a separate interview, is pleased that Sablan “was able to address the concerns” of the four different groups taken into consideration in his bill.

“While we’re happy with this development, let us not forget that what is important is for these groups to still have jobs so that they don’t have to rely on this bill alone,” added Velasquez.

Repatriation of Filipino workers in NMI still in trickles

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The number of Filipino workers who have submitted written repatriation requests to the Philippine Consulate General is "still not alarmingly high" a month after the release of the final rule governing foreign workers in the CNMI last Sept. 7.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said yesterday that about 21 have already visited the Consulate to inquire about repatriation services, with only 14 of them making their requests in writing to make them official.

Macaraig said they already repatriated the fourth Filipino worker yesterday morning and they expect to send home another two in the next couple of weeks.

"It's still not alarmingly high but we don't know if the situation is going to be the same in the next few weeks," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Given that Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466 is already approved to be sent to the full U.S. House of Representatives, Macaraig noted that "we wouldn't know if some of them were given hope through Kilili's bill."

The Consul General reiterated that those who want to be repatriated will have to put their request in writing and wait since the request goes through a process.

Macaraig said the four Filipino workers who have been sent home were welcomed not just by their families but also by representatives of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

He encouraged Filipinos in the CNMI who have inquiries or concerns on the transitional worker period to visit the Consulate.

"We won't know what their problems are or if we can help them unless they approach us and tell us about their concerns," said Macaraig.

Philippine police rescue midwife held by militants

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—A government midwife kidnapped two months ago by al-Qaida-linked militants was rescued by Philippine police on Thursday, a day after a Chinese fish merchant was abducted on another southern island, officials said.

Police clashed briefly with Abu Sayyaf fighters who were holding Evangeline Taverisma on Jolo island, Sulu provincial police operations chief Amil Baanan said. The militants escaped and abandoned Taverisma, he said. Neither side suffered casualties.

The 55-year-old midwife was abducted Aug. 3 on her way home from a government clinic.

On Wednesday, armed men abducted a Chinese fish merchant in a village on Sitangkai, an island in the southernmost province of Tawi-Tawi close to the Malaysian border, and escaped on a speedboat, regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said.

Few details were available about the victim and there were no immediate suspects, Cabangbang said.

The Abu Sayyaf and pirates are known to operate in the area, about 680 miles (1,100 kilometers) south of Manila.

The Abu Sayyaf, which is listed by Washington as an al-Qaida-linked terrorist organization, has been blamed for deadly bombings, abductions and beheadings. It has been the target of a decade-long U.S.-backed Philippine military offensive on Jolo and the nearby island province of Basilan.

AP

A Filipino investigator walks beside trucks that were allegedly burned by communist rebels at the compound of the Platinum Group Metals Corporation in Surigao del Norte province, southern Philippines on Tuesday Oct. 4, 2011.

Ex-first couple faces non-bailable poll rap

» Arroyos allegedly behind rigged '07 vote

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Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, may be detained without bail if the joint investigating panel of the Department of Justice and Commission on Elections finds probable cause that they masterminded the rigging of the 2007 senatorial polls in Maguindanao.

Comelec chair Sixto Brillantes Jr. on Tuesday echoed Justice Secretary Leila de Lima's declaration that the "direct knowledge" and "first-hand account" of former Maguindanao Administrator Norie Unas, the latest government witness on the 2007 election irregularities, would be a strong piece of testimony against the Arroyos.

The former first couple are facing a possible case of electoral sabotage, a heinous crime that is nonbailable and punishable by life imprisonment.

"There can be no other case. If you look at the magnitude of the votes involved, it is definitely tantamount to electoral sabotage," Brillantes told reporters in an interview.

Both Brillantes and De Lima, who were election lawyers of opposition candidates in 2007, earlier said they would not take part in the final decision that the joint panel might reach on the cases against the Arroyos.

Unas, a former senior aide of Maguindanao Governor Andal Ampatuan Sr., submitted an affidavit on Monday to the joint panel claiming that shortly before the 2007 elections, he heard Arroyo ordering his boss to ensure a 12-0 sweep of administration candidates in the province and to commit fraud if necessary.

He said he later accompanied Ampatuan to Mike Arroyo's office, where the two men allegedly discussed the cheating operations that would be undertaken.

A new witness is to appear before the Senate to bolster Unas' claim that the Arroyos were directly involved in the manipulation of election results in Maguindanao in 2007, Senator Panfilo Lacson said Tuesday.

According to Lacson, the witness was directly in contact with Malacañang while he and his fellow "election operators" were preparing fake election returns (ERs).

"He was part of the 'special ops' of Ampatuan," the senator told reporters. "His contact is from Malacañang in producing fake ERs."

Philippine troops battle rebels after mine attack

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Troops clashed with communist rebels in the southern Philippines Thursday amid a hunt for hundreds of guerrillas who attacked three nickel mining complexes, alarming the local mining industry.

An army soldier was killed and three others wounded in the gunbattle near Esperanza town in southern Agusan del Sur province, but troops captured a New People's Army encampment and 12 assault rifles and hit several of the undetermined number of rebels, military spokesman Col. Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos said.

The Maoist guerrillas retreated and were being pursued by troops. It was not immediately clear if the guerrillas were among the more than 200 rebels who laid siege on three nickel mining complexes Monday in Claver town in nearby Surigao del Norte province. They disarmed guards, briefly held employees and torched trucks, heavy equipment and company offices.

Those attacks, among the largest mounted by the rebels in recent years, sent the government scrambling to reassure mining companies and foreign investors by deploying an additional army battalion of 500 soldiers and about 100 commando troops from a U.S.-trained contingent to secure remote mines and hunt down the guerrillas. Additional air force helicopters were sent to back up troops.

"It was a big blow to the economic activity in the area," Marcelo said. "The massive forces there will ensure a safe and secure environment."

One of the companies, Taganito Mining Corp., was forced to temporarily shut down operations after the attack. The company is operated by Nickel Asia, the Philippines' biggest nickel producer, which is partly Japanese-owned.

Japanese Ambassador Toshinao Urabe said Wednesday that about 60 Japanese workers building a smelting plant at Taganito were not harmed in the attack.

"It's awful, I mean it's not only the damage to the equipment but the damage to the reputation of the Philippines that I'm worried (about)," Urabe said.

National police chief Nicanor Bartolome reassured a local group of top mining officials Thursday that the military and police had strengthened security in mining areas and were assessing what went wrong Monday.

During Monday's attacks, the rebels set up road blockades and laid explosives to stall reinforcement troops. They opened fire at an air force helicopter ferrying troops and ambushed a convoy of the region's highest-ranking police general, who escaped without injuries, Bartolome said.

Benjamin Philip Romualdez, president of the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, said the attack was an "extreme challenge" to mining companies. "There was a huge loss and disruption to the industry," Romualdez said, adding the attacks sparked concerns for the safety of mining investments in the country.

The New People's Army, which is listed by Washington as a terrorist group, has accused mining companies of exploiting the country's resources and workers. The military has said rebel attacks on mining companies were part of extortion attempts.

Netherlands-based rebel leader Luis Jalandoni said President Benigno Aquino III sided with the mining companies by sending troops to secure them instead of protecting Surigao residents from what he called widespread pollution and exploitation of workers and resources by giant firms.

The Marxist rebels, estimated to number more than 4,000, have continued attacks despite resuming talks this year aimed at settling one of Asia's longest-running communist insurgencies. Philippine officials said they would continue with peace negotiations with the rebels despite Monday's attacks.

Girl digs self out of grave, points to rapist

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INQUIRER MINDANAO

COTABATO CITY, Philippines—Regaining consciousness, a 10-year-old girl clawed her way out of the ground and pointed her parents and the authorities to the cousin who raped her, knocked her out with a blow to the head, and buried her in a shallow grave, the police said Thursday.

Inspector Roberto Ocumen, chief of police in the town of Magpet, said the girl told investigators she was raped, then hit with a hard object on the head and buried alive by her cousin Dennis Quilaton, 21, on Sunday.

Ocumen said the girl regained consciousness underground and crawled out of the freshly dug grave.

She managed to reach home through the help of some neighbors and told her parents about her ordeal.

Ocumen said that policemen arrested the suspect on Monday and that he has been charged. He is still under police custody, he said.

The girl's father said that his daughter was snatched by Quilaton Sunday morning, hit her with a hard object and brought her in a grassy area near their home before sexually abusing her.

The suspect then buried her in a shallow grave, he said.

"Miraculously, she regained consciousness, woke up and crawled until she reached a house and sought help," the father said.

It was not clear how long the girl had been buried.

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UNIVERSITY MUSIC PRESENTS THE MUSIC OF "GLEE!"

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University Music presents the music of "Glee! Season 2" this month with performances on Oct. 13-15 and additional performances on Oct. 21-22. Music begins at 7pm in the UOG Fine Arts Theater. Admission is $7 adults and $5 children, students and seniors. Thursday evening, Oct. 13, has a special price of $20 per family. Bring as many family members as you like for one flat price! For more information contact Dr. Randall Johnson at 787-1913 or at RandallJohnson@Guam.Net.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy first birthday to Carly Zel Larin who celebrated his special day at Shirley's Coffee Shop Susupe last Oct. 6.

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Advance happy birthday to Susan Macario who will celebrate her special day on Sunday, Oct. 9. Greetings from you staff at Shirley's Coffee Shop Garapan and Susupe.

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Happy birthday to Benju Rectitud Jr., who is celebrating his birthday, today, Oct. 8, 2011! Thank you for always being there for us and we love you Papa! Greetings come from your kiddos, Queen Anne and Louis Benedict!

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Happy birthday CJ (shown here at right)! Enjoy your day and may ou have many more birthdays to come. With love from Auntie Tasia, Liyah, Naish, Jun, Gianna, Vinae, and Sablan family. We love you!

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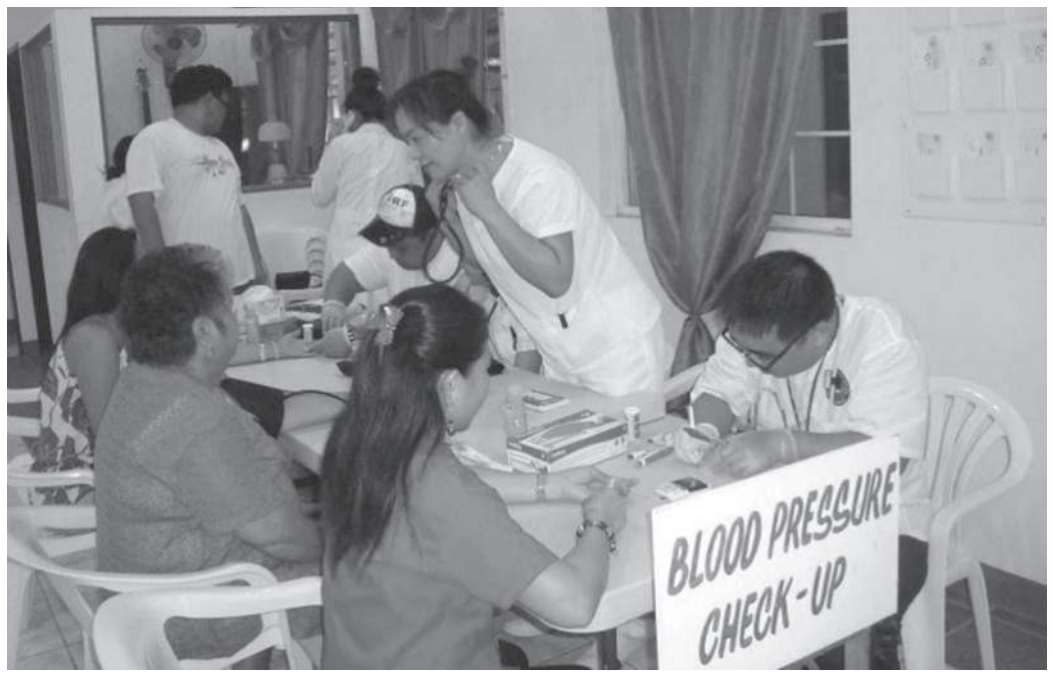

MEDICAL MISSION

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Volunteers attend to community members availing of the free blood pressure screening at the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch's medical mission last Sept. 25.

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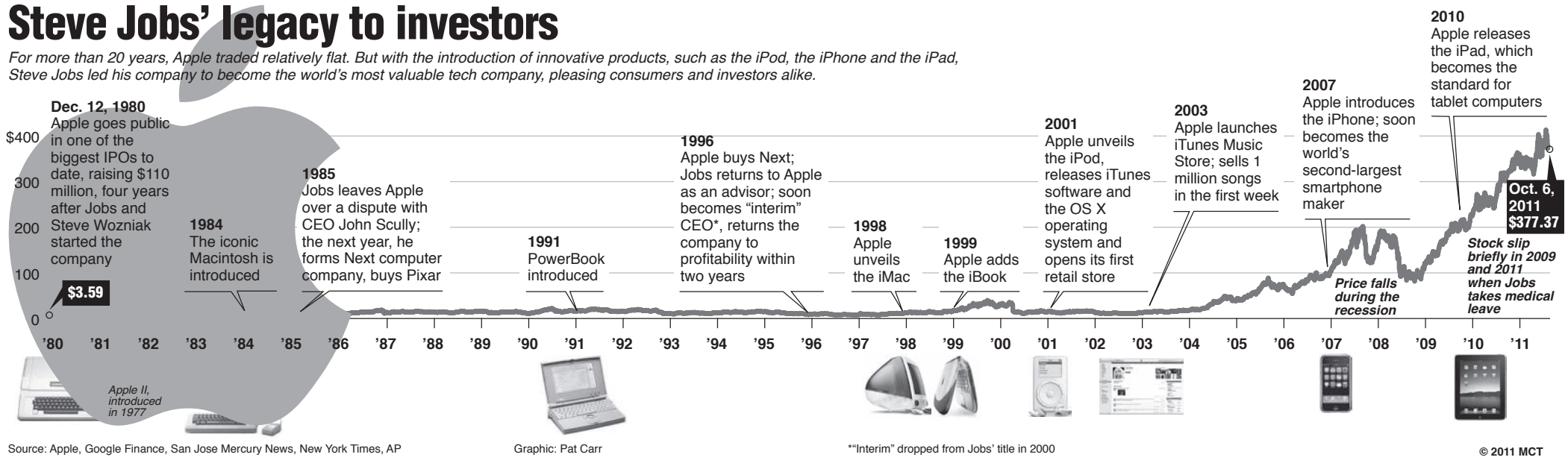
Community members receive free reflexology services from volunteers at the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ 4th Watch's medical mission on Sept. 25.

Business

Apple fans reach for Jobs' devices to mourn him

Steve Jobs' legacy to investors

For more than 20 years, Apple traded relatively flat. But with the introduction of innovative products, such as the iPod, the iPhone and the iPad, Steve Jobs led his company to become the world's most valuable tech company, pleasing consumers and investors alike.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Apple goes public in one of the biggest IPOs to date, raising $110 million, four years after Jobs and Steve Wozniak started the company
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Jobs leaves Apple over a dispute with CEO John Scully; the next year, he forms Next computer company, buys Pixar
1991
PowerBook introduced
1996
Apple buys Next; Jobs returns to Apple as an advisor; soon becomes "interim" CEO*, returns the company to profitability within two years
1998
Apple unveils the iMac
1999
Apple adds the iBook
2001
Apple unveils the iPod, releases iTunes software and the OS X operating system and opens its first retail store
2003
Apple launches iTunes Music Store; sells 1 million songs in the first week
2007
Apple introduces the iPhone; soon becomes the world's second-largest smartphone maker
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Apple releases the iPad, which becomes the standard for tablet computers
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Stock slip briefly in 2009 and 2011 when Jobs takes medical leave
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Apple II, introduced in 1977

Source: Apple, Google Finance, San Jose Mercury News, New York Times, AP Graphic: Pat Carr *"Interim" dropped from Jobs' title in 2000

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He was a conjurer, a modern magician who reached into tomorrow and came up with things that changed millions of lives. And as people gathered at Apple Stores from Sydney to San Francisco to mourn Steve Jobs, the feeling was more than grief for an executive or even an inventor. It was something closer to awe for a wizard.

On Thursday, the admirers who turned his technological marvels into everyday tools used them as instruments of grief. People held up pictures of candles on their iPads, booted up their MacBook Pros to watch old Jobs presentations on YouTube, used their iPhones to sift through remembrances on Twitter.

They grieved his loss through devices that before his time, or without his vision, would have been considered beyond humanity's reach.

Ten years ago, the only people who carried their music around were tech geeks, music obsessives and those willing to tote a clunky CD player. Presto—the iPod, and everyone wanted one. And then another and another.

Five years ago, cellphones had hinges, and the displays looked more like the age of Atari than the age of the Internet. Texting, for the most part, was a matter of cryptography, tapping out strings of numbers to make words. Presto—the iPhone, and everyone wanted one of those, too.

Two years ago, the economy had just tanked, and it was hard enough for companies to persuade people to buy the things they needed. Getting people to buy a product they didn't need was out of the question. Most people already had a desktop computer, or a laptop, or a smartphone. And yet, presto—the iPad.

Nothing up his sleeve. Though Jobs, ever the showman, once reached into the tiny fifth pocket of his trademark blue jeans at an Apple event and fished out an iPod Nano, just to emphasize how small the gadget was. They always were. Ever smaller, ever sleeker, ever cooler.

Anne Sweeney, the president of Disney and ABC, remembered when Jobs flew from Cupertino, Calif., to Burbank to persuade her to license ABC shows to be shown on the tiny screen of his newest invention, the video iPod. He wowed them by playing an episode of ABC's own hit show, "Lost."

Sweeney was so bowled over she forgot to ask where he got a copy of the program.

"I thought, `He's Steve Jobs. He can do anything,'" she remembered.

One day after his death, two days after Apple introduced the latest incarnation of a touchscreen phone that touched pop culture, sadness and admiration poured out—not for a rock star, not for a religious figure, but for an American corporate executive.

"He was a genius," Rosario Hidalgo said outside an Apple Store on the Upper West Side of Manhattan while her daughter, 21-month-old Carlotta, used an iPhone to play an app that teaches children to match animal sounds to animal pictures.

For people who have grown up in a world where iPod headphones are as ubiquitous as wristwatches were to a previous generation, Jobs was remembered as their Elvis Presley or John Lennon. Perhaps even their Thomas Edison.

"It's like the end of the innovators," said Scott Robbins, 34, who described himself as an Apple fan of 20 years and who rushed to an Apple Store in San Francisco when he heard the news.

Apple announced Jobs' death Wednesday night and remembered him as a "visionary and creative genius." The company announced no cause of death, but Jobs had been diagnosed with a rare pancreatic cancer seven years ago and had a liver transplant in 2009. He was 56. The company did not release any details about Jobs' funeral; a spokesman said there would be no public services.

On Thursday, the Apple website, which usually features slick presentations of multicolored iPods and ever-thinner MacBook laptop computers, simply displayed a black-and-white photo of Jobs, thumb and finger to his beard as if in contemplation.

Around the world, tributes sprang up of the highest and lowest technology.

In the Ginza shopping district of Tokyo, people held up iPhones and iPads, their screens facing outward and displaying sharply defined, touchable graphics of flickering candles.

At an Apple Store in Hong Kong, old and new means of grief came together: People scribbled "RIP" and "We miss Steve" and longer notes of condolence on Post-It notes, and stuck them to an iPad display.

And at the 24-hour Apple Store in midtown Manhattan, the remembrances were more traditional. Passersby left flowers and candles, actual ones. Even there, people snapped pictures of the memorial with their iPhones.

"I was so saddened. For me it was like Michael Jackson or Princess Diana—that magnitude," Stephen Jarjoura said at the Apple Store in Sydney. His said Jobs left a legacy to rival Edison and Albert Einstein.

Philippe Meunier, a senior partner of a Canadian ad agency who was visiting New York from Montreal, reflected on how weird it was to receive the news of Jobs' death on the phone he invented.

Even in Syria, seven months into an uprising, people paused to take pride in Jobs, whose father was born in Homs, the third-largest city.

"This shows that this country can produce geniuses, if only we had freedoms instead of a suffocating dictatorship," said Sara, a 23-year-old Syrian student who refused to give her full name for fear of Syrian government reprisal.

Apple has sold 129 million iPhones and 29 million iPads. And in the decade since it revolutionized the music industry by offering "1,000 songs in your pocket," it has sold 300 million iPods, or roughly enough to outfit every person in the United States.

Famously devoted to Apple products—and often mocked, it must be said, by people who are not—even the acolytes of Jobs paused to reflect on how deeply his creations were enmeshed in their lives. Seamlessly, of course.

"I'm Apple everything," said Alison Brie, who plays Annie Edison on the NBC comedy show "Community." "It's changed the way we listen to music and watch TV, connect to fans. Twitter on my phone is—it's huge."

In New York, a family visiting from Norway waited for the 9 a.m. opening of an Apple Store. Jorund Skurdal said his family owned about 15 Apple gadgets, including "a couple iPads, iPods, an iMac, an iBook, and some other things."

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Kin Cook, Bank of Guam vice president/compliance manager, at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam at last year's Get Smart About Credit Day.

'Get Smart About Credit' in 8th year

HAGATNA, Guam—With community-wide discussion about how much Guam's government could or should be borrowing, local bankers head to Guam's high schools to discuss the prudent use of credit and borrowing. Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, Citibank, and ANZ head to Guam's high schools on Oct. 20 to discuss the importance of responsible debt management.

Leading the nation's 8th annual "Get Smart About Credit" Day, dozens of bankers, organized by Bank of Guam, will visit graduating seniors at Guam's schools to talk about credit, how much is needed and how to best manage debt.

To date, the following schools have signed up: Notre Dame High, JP Torres Alternative, Academy of Our Lady of Guam, St. John's School, Simon Sanchez High School, Father Duenas Memorial, Harvest Christian Academy, Evangelical Christian Academy, and Temple Christian Academy.

This year, the banks will be joined by members of the Association of Government Accountants as well as the Guam Legislature. The program is nationally sanctioned by the American Bankers Association as part of its financial literacy outreach program. Last year, the volunteer program reached nearly 1,000 high school seniors.

This year, the program is being extended to Saipan, where schools are still signing up.

Bank of Guam president and board chair Lou Leon Guerrero stated: "It is vital that young adults learn about the responsible use of credit and that such decisions have far-reaching consequences. Just like a family, a company and even the government, consumers must be aware of ALL the costs of credit, including how your future may be challenged by using too much debt now."

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Nation

Obama to GOP: Act on jobs or get run out of town

WASHINGTON (AP)—A combative President Barack Obama challenged a divided Congress on Thursday to unite behind his jobs bill or get ready to be run "out of town" by angry voters. Hoping to use public frustration and economic worry as leverage, he called his proposal an insurance plan against a painful return to recession.

In a news conference long on restatements of his ideas, Obama laid bare the dynamic that now is Washington: The era of compromise is over.

Frustrated over getting nowhere with Republicans, Obama demanded that they explain themselves to the country and promised to keep "hammering way until something gets done."

Despite Obama's taunts, Republicans showed no signs of switching positions. Instead, they pressed unsuccessfully for a symbolic vote later in the day so they could demonstrate their opposition to the bill the president submitted three weeks ago. They also predicted they would prevail next week when Democrats try to advance a reworked version, which Obama supports, with a tax on millionaires.

Speaking at a forum just about the same time as Obama, House Speaker John Boehner said the president had decided to "give up on governing, give up on leading." Said Boehner: "We're legislating. He's campaigning."

Obama's news conference marked a continuation of his recent feistiness, and his party's pre-election-year attempt to depict Republicans as protectors of the rich at the expense of the jobless. Obama plans to keep it up through his campaign as he seeks a second term amid persistently high unemployment.

Lamenting political gamesmanship, Obama defended his own tactic of campaigning for a jobs bill that appears to have no chance of passing as it is. When asked about his willingness to negotiate to help the millions of unemployed, he said he had gone out of his way every time with Republicans, to little avail.

"The question, then, is, will Congress do something?" the president said. "If Congress does something, then I can't run against a do-nothing Congress. If Congress does nothing, then it's not a matter of me running against them. I think the American people will run them out of town, because they are frustrated."

Obama conceded that voters have grown deeply exasperated and cynical, and he put the responsibility largely on Congress as unresponsive to public opinion. At one point Obama even told his media questioners to accept a "little homework assignment" and "go ask Republicans what their jobs plan is."

The political positioning came with the American economy weakening and at a risk of sinking as a consequence of Europe's debt crisis. Nearly one-third of the unemployed people in the United States—almost 4.5 million people—have been out of work for a year or more.

Obama would not say whether he agreed with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's warning this week that the economic recovery "is close to faltering." The president said the country stands to face deeper problems without action, particularly if a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits are not extended.

He has presented a $447 billion plan to jolt the economy by cutting taxes and increasing spending on schools, roads and other public projects. He has proposed covering the cost of that, and therefore avoiding another pile of public debt, in part by raising taxes on wealthier people and corporations.

AP

President Barack Obama gestures during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.

Wall Street protesters fed up with both parties

AP

Protestors chant and holds signs outside the the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas building in downtown Dallas, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.

NEW YORK (AP)—Their chief target is Wall Street, but many of the demonstrators in New York and across the U.S. also are thoroughly disgusted with Washington, blaming politicians of both major parties for policies they say protect corporate America at the expense of the middle class.

"At this point I don't see any difference between George Bush and Obama. The middle class is a lot worse than when Obama was elected," said John Penley, an unemployed legal worker from Brooklyn.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, which began last month with a small number of young people pitching a tent in front of the New York Stock Exchange, has expanded nationally and drawn a wide variety of activists, including union members and laid-off workers. Demonstrators marched Thursday in Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Anchorage, Alaska, carrying signs with slogans such as "Get money out of politics" and "I can't afford a lobbyist."

The protests are in some ways the liberal flip side of the tea party movement, which was launched in 2009 in a populist reaction against the bank and auto bailouts and the $787 billion economic stimulus plan.

But while tea party activists eventually became a crucial part of the Republican coalition, the Occupy Wall Street protesters are cutting President Barack Obama little slack. They say Obama failed to crack down on the banks after the 2008 mortgage meltdown and financial crisis.

"He could have taken a much more populist, aggressive stance at the beginning against Wall Street bonuses, and exacting certain change from bailing out the banks," said Michael Kazin, a Georgetown University history professor and author of "American Dreamers," a history of the left. "But ultimately, the economy has not gotten much better, and that's underscored the frustration on both the right and the left."

Obama on Thursday acknowledged the economic insecurities fueling the nearly 3-week-old Wall Street protests. But he pinned responsibility on the financial industry and on congressional Republicans he says have blocked his efforts to kick-start job growth.

A job is becoming a dim memory for many unemployed

WASHINGTON (AP)—For more Americans, being out of work has become a semi-permanent condition.

Nearly one-third of the unemployed—nearly 4.5 million people—have had no job for a year or more. That's a record high. Many are older workers who have found it especially hard to find jobs.

And economists say their prospects won't brighten much even after the economy starts to strengthen and hiring picks up. Even if they can find a job, it will likely pay far less than their old ones did.

The outlook is unlikely to improve on Friday, when the government issues its monthly jobs report. Economists predict it will show that employers added a net 56,000 jobs in September.

That's far fewer than needed to reduce unemployment. The unemployment rate is expected to remain 9.1 percent for a third straight month.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke last week called long-term unemployment a "national crisis" and said it should be one of Congress' top priorities.

When people are out of work for a year or more, their skills often decline. Their professional networks shrink. Companies hesitate to hire them. The problem feeds on itself.

"It's a serious threat," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "A growing proportion of the labor force is becoming disenfranchised."

Long-term unemployment sets this recession and weak recovery apart from any other period since the Great Depression. Though the economy has endured "jobless recoveries" before, in no previous recovery has such a high proportion of the unemployed been out of work this long.

Labor Department figures show that for roughly the past year and a half, one in three of the unemployed have been without a job for at least a year. That's more than double the previous peak after the 1981-82 recession.

Businesses would have to start hiring much faster before a larger proportion of the long-term unemployed would find work. Many employers see them as riskier than other potential hires. Some might need additional training. Companies aren't likely to take such risks until the economy shows consistent strength.

Brian Wedding, a roofing contractor based in Baton Rouge, La., acknowledges that he spends more time evaluating job applicants who have been unemployed for long periods.

"A flag's going to come up, for sure," says Wedding, CEO of Jasper Contractors, which employs about 800 at nine locations nationwide. "We'll have to dig a little deeper into what's going on."

Those who have been out of work for many months describe troubling experiences.

Linda Evans, 59, a home health care worker in Washington, D.C., has struggled to find work since her last employer left the area three years ago. She applies for openings online and attends job fairs. But she's found it difficult even to get interviews.

"I don't know if it's my age or what," she said. "I never expected to be in this situation. And I'm scared."

ACROSS THE NATION

Feds target Calif. pot dispensaries for closure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal prosecutors have launched a crackdown on some pot dispensaries in California, warning the stores that they must shut down in 45 days or face criminal charges and confiscation of their property even if they are operating legally under the state's 15-year-old medical marijuana law. In an escalation of the ongoing conflict between the U.S. government and the nation's burgeoning medical marijuana industry, at least 16 pot shops or their landlords received letters this week stating they are violating federal drug laws, even though medical marijuana is legal in California. The state's four U.S. attorneys were scheduled Friday to announce a broader coordinated crackdown.

Police: Mo. baby's parents stop cooperating

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The parents of a missing 10-month-old Missouri girl are no longer cooperating with investigators, police said late Thursday - an assertion the family quickly and firmly denied. At an evening news conference, Kansas City police spokesman Steve Young said Jeremy Irwin and Deborah Bradley stopped cooperating with authorities Thursday. The couple had been working with police since the disappearance of their daughter, Lisa, who the parents say was snatched from her crib sometime late Monday or early Tuesday. "Tonight, they decided to stop talking to detectives, and I don't have to illustrate how that affects the investigation. That speaks for itself," Young said.

Asia

At 100, Taiwan's govt faces uncertain future

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Spurned by the international community, ignored in the land of its founding, and ridiculed by many of its own people, the Republic of China celebrates the 100th anniversary of its birth Monday, trying to stave off extinction.

It seems a tall order for a regime that was born out of the ashes of China's last imperial dynasty and once ruled over the Chinese mainland. For the past 62 years it has been confined to the offshore island of Taiwan.

The Republic of China's longtime antagonist is the People's Republic of China in Beijing, which ever since Mao Zedong's Communists defeated Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in 1949, has been committed to bringing Taiwan under its control.

Nobody expects the island of 23 million people to be subsumed into China in the near-term, but deepening economic ties are drawing Taiwan ever deeper into the orbit of its much larger neighbor.

"In the long term the existence of the Republic of China is under threat," said China specialist Yitzhak Shichor of Israel's University of Haifa. "China is becoming more and more powerful and Taiwan's dependence on it is increasing."

So far most of the interaction between the two has been economic. Since taking office 3 1/2 years ago, Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou has shepherded a series of commercial agreements aimed at linking Taiwan's high-tech economy to China's lucrative markets.

AP

In this Oct. 10, 1996 file photo, tens of thousands of performers and guests attend the Republic of China's National Day celebrations in Taipei.

One payoff has been the lowest level of tension across the 100-mile- (160-mile-) wide Taiwan Strait since Chiang Kai-shek's desperate retreat from the mainland in 1949.

The policy has come under strong criticism from the Taiwanese opposition, which sees it as a step toward political integration with China. Ma denies that, but he has been vague about the end goal of his China policy, prompting speculation that he has accepted that union with the mainland may be inevitable at some point.

His government is marking the centenary of the Republic of China not on the actual date of its founding—Jan 1. 1912—but 2 1/2 months earlier, on the 100th anniversary of an attack launched by rebels associated with revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen on a Qing dynasty garrison in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

The attack set the stage for the end of some 2,000 years of Chinese imperial history and raised hopes that China could emerge from a century and a half of national humiliation it had endured at the hands of foreign powers.

Public interest in the centenary is lukewarm. While most Taiwanese don't want to come under China's control, they also don't see the events of 100 years ago as particularly relevant to their future. The media have barely acknowledged a series of heavily promoted government events in the run-up to Monday's ceremonies, and the big day looks likely to pass with a minimum of fanfare—no more, at any rate, than in other years.

Leading the ranks of the disinterested is the opposition, which remembers with horror the martial law dictatorship that Chiang brought from the mainland—it persisted until 1987—and associates it directly with the Republic of China.

The opposition's main constituents are descendants of people who migrated from the mainland in the 17th and 18th centuries. Many of them reject any association with China in favor a culturally and politically distinct Taiwan.

"The Republic of China was forced on the Taiwanese people when the Nationalist Party came to Taiwan in 1949," says 41-year-old businessman Kuo Yen-chen of suburban Taipei.

Kuo doesn't think Taiwan will be annexed by China unless Beijing uses force. "The majority of Taiwanese do not want to become part of China," he says, "but the two will become even closer due to globalization."

A major stumbling block to integration is differing political systems: Taiwan has evolved into a democracy, and its people fear losing their hard-won freedoms under China, which remains a one-party state that crushes most calls for political change.

"Taiwan has become a leader in the Chinese world in aspects of freedom, democracy and openness," Ma said last December. "Its achievements have been recognized by the international community and it can serve as a role model for all of Asia."

Even among Ma's ruling Nationalists, many of whom trace their roots to those who fled in 1949, there is no unanimity on Taiwan's future. Most want to continue Taiwan's de facto independence indefinitely, while a small minority favor absorption by China, perhaps with a special status similar to Hong Kong's.

ASIA BRIEFS

Australia gives priority to returning boy suspect

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia has given top priority to securing the return of a 14-year-old boy arrested in Indonesia for alleged marijuana possession in a challenging case that will require patience to resolve, the foreign minister said Friday. The boy, whose name has been published in the media but not yet officially released, has been held at Denpasar police headquarters on the tourist island of Bali since he was arrested Tuesday after allegedly buying a small quantity of marijuana from a man on Kuta Beach.

Medical aid group ending Thai operations

BANGKOK (AP)—The humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders says it is ending its operations in Thailand after 35 years. The group's chief in Thailand, Denis Penoy, said Thursday it is halting its activities because it could not reach agreement with the government on conditions under which it could provide medical care to illegal migrants. Most of Thailand's estimated 2 million unregistered migrants come from Myanmar, and their status prevents them from receiving proper health care.

Pakistan warns Afghanistan after pact with India

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan warned Afghanistan against anymore regional "point scoring" on Thursday after Kabul signed a pact with Islamabad's archenemy New Delhi that some fear could prompt Pakistan to strengthen its alleged support for Afghan insurgents. Pakistan is under increasing American pressure to cut ties with militants that it is widely believed to be holding onto for use as potential partners against Indian influence in Afghanistan once Washington withdraws its combat troops in 2014.

Case sought against Pakistan doctor who helped CIA

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani doctor accused of running a vaccination program for the CIA to help track down Osama bin Laden should be put on trial for high treason, a government commission said Thursday, a move likely to anger U.S. officials pushing for his release.

Dr. Shakil Afridi has been in the custody of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency since soon after the May 2 American raid that killed bin Laden. The agency was humiliated and outraged by the covert American operation and is aggressively investigating the circumstances surrounding it.

Afridi's fate is a complicating issue in relations between the CIA and the ISI that were strained to the breaking point by the bin Laden raid.

U.S. and Pakistani officials have said Arifdi ran a vaccination program in the Pakistani town of Abbottabad where the al-Qaida leader hid in an effort to obtain a DNA sample from him. Afridi was detained in the days after the U.S. operation. He has no lawyer.

A Pakistani government commission investigating the raid on bin Laden said in a statement that it was of the view that "a case of conspiracy against the state of Pakistan and high treason" should be registered against Afridi on the basis of the evidence it had gathered. It did not elaborate.

Such a charge carries the death penalty.

The commission, which interviewed Afridi and the head of the ISI, Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha this week, has been tasked with investigating how bin Laden managed to hide in the army town of Abbottabad for up to five years, and the circumstances surrounding the U.S. operation. It is headed by a Supreme Court justice, and its members include a retired general, a former diplomat, a former police chief and a civil servant.

It is unclear why the body would make this recommendation public, and whether it will lead to charges being filed against Afridi.

The commission was formed amid intense international pressure for answers over how bin Laden was able to live undetected for so long in Abbottabad, an army town close to the capital.

Afghans rally in Kabul, demand NATO troops leave

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Hundreds of people marched through the streets of the Afghan capital on Thursday, demanding the immediate withdrawal of international military forces ahead of the 10th anniversary of the U.S. invasion.

The peaceful demonstration in downtown Kabul was meant to mark the Oct. 7 invasion of Afghanistan 10 years ago, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

The U.S. invasion came after Taliban leader Mullah Omar refused to hand over Osama bin Laden, purportedly because of his disbelief that the al-Qaida chief was responsible for the attacks and because it went against the Afghan tradition of hospitality and protection of guests.

U.S. forces killed bin Laden in a raid on his hideout in Pakistan in May.

The demonstrators chanted "no to occupation," and "Americans out" as they marched through the streets holding pictures of Afghans killed in violence, and later burned an American flag. The demonstration was organized by a small left wing party.

No official events have been announced so far to mark the invasion, neither by the government nor NATO.

"The United States said it came to help the Afghan people and provide a good life to Afghan people, but their true purpose was to occupy our country," said Farzana, a 22-year-old woman who goes by one name. "It is 10 years since the invasion of Afghanistan and all it has left behind is the blood of the Afghan people. We want the U.S. to leave our country."

She added that "suicide attacks, insecurity and corruption are increasing day-by-day."

World

Gadhafi urges resistance to Libya's new leaders

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Moammar Gadhafi called on Libyans to take to the streets and wage a campaign of civil disobedience against the country's new leaders Thursday - the first word from the fugitive leader in just over two weeks.

Gadhafi said the National Transitional Council, which has assumed leadership of the country since then-rebel forces swept into Tripoli in late August, has no legitimacy because it was not nominated or appointed by the Libyan people.

He called on his countrymen to "go out in new million-man marches in all cities and villages and oases."

"Be courageous, rise up, go out in the streets," he said. "Raise the green flag in the skies ... the conditions in Libya are unbearable."

Gadhafi made the appeal in an poor quality audio recording and it was not possible to verify his identity, but it was broadcast on Syrian-based Al-Rai TV, which has become the mouthpiece of his resistance.

Revolutionary forces, aided by NATO airstrikes, have gained control over most of the North African nation and forced the leader and two of his sons into hiding.

Gadhafi has made several speeches on Al-Rai as he tries to rally supporters, who are still waging fierce resistance in his besieged hometown of Sirte, the town of Bani Walid southeast of Tripoli and pockets in the south.

AP

Libyan revolutionary fighters fire a missile during an attack for the city of Sirte, Libya, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.

He was last heard on Sept. 20 calling the revolution a "charade gaining its legitimacy through airstrikes."

The International Red Cross, meanwhile, delivered medical supplies and other humanitarian aid to civilians in Sirte amid rapidly deteriorating conditions.

Dibeh Fakhr, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, said two trucks entered Sirte and distributed the goods, which included baby milk, hygiene kits, diapers and clean drinking water.

It was the ICRC's third successful foray into the Mediterranean coastal city since Saturday, but the first time aid workers reached the main hospital.

Sirte, 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli, is the most important of the pro-Gadhafi cities that are still holding out against Libya's new rulers, and its defenders have put up a fierce resistance, with the two sides trading artillery, tank and mortar shelling.

Hundreds of families have been streaming out of the city to escape the violence. Thousands have set up camp outside if Sirte, raising concerns about a possible humanitarian crisis. Revolutionary forces say they have delayed a full assault to give willing civilians time to flee.

"Sirte is becoming a ghost town," said resident Salim Omar as he passed a checkpoint manned by revolutionary forces on the city's western outskirts.

The Red Cross reached the Ibn Sina hospital Thursday morning after receiving assurances from both sides that they would be given safe passage. They evacuated three people suffering from serious injuries, including a 9-year-old girl.

Patients were being treated in the hospital corridors because the wards were exposed to heavy shelling and gunfire, Fakhr said. She added that there was no electricity or running water, and few medical staff.

"Only three doctors are remaining inside—one anesthetist, one surgeon and one orthopedist—and some medical students are trying to help the situation," she said.

She called on both sides to spare the hospital and the many wounded civilians inside.

WORLD BRIEFS

Chavez: Houses on Caribbean islands will be seized

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced Thursday that his government will expropriate homes on the Caribbean resort islands of Los Roques, saying the structures were built on plots bought in shadowy business deals. Chavez has nationalized hundreds of privately owned companies since taking office in 1999, but this is the first time he has targeted private homes for expropriation. Chavez offered no details regarding the planned seizures of private homes and quaint inns, known in Spanish as "posadas."

Researchers find Aztec temple platform in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Archaeologists found a round Aztec ceremonial platform studded with stone carvings of serpent heads at Mexico City's Templo Mayor ruin, raising hopes in the search for an emperor's tomb, authorities said Thursday. No Aztec ruler's tomb has ever been located and researchers have been on a five-year quest to find a royal tomb in the area of the Templo Mayor, a complex of two huge pyramids and numerous smaller structures that contained the ceremonial and spiritual heart of the pre-Hispanic Aztec empire.

Bahrain pledges probe into teen death during rally

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)—Bahrain has ordered an investigation into the death of a teenage boy who opposition groups claim was killed by police gunfire during an anti-government protest. Seventeen-year-old Ahmed Jaber died late Thursday during a violent rally in the Gulf kingdom. Opposition groups say he was shot by a police birdshot—used for crowd control—and a pellet entered his heart or lungs. Bahrain police say they used only tear gas and concussion grenades to respond to a violent protest in the Abu Saiba area in northern Bahrain.

List of claimants suing News of the World grows

LONDON (AP)—More than 60 people have filed court papers alleging their phones were hacked by the News of the World, a lawyer said Thursday, amid preparations for a group lawsuit against Rupert Murdoch's now-defunct tabloid.

The claimants include movie stars, politicians and parents of two child victims of horrific violent crimes.

Lawyer Tamsin Allen, who represents some of the plaintiffs, said 63 claims have been filed against the newspaper's publisher.

A test case by a handful of lead claimants—including Hollywood star Jude Law, former soccer star Paul Gascoigne and Sheila Henry, whose son died in the 2005 London transit bombings—will begin at the High Court in January.

The lead claimants have been chosen to represent the types of people allegedly targeted by the tabloid's scoop-hungry journalists—politicians, athletes, celebrities and ordinary citizens thrust unexpectedly into the spotlight.

The test case will decide whether hacking took place and whether victims should receive compensation, laying out a framework for how scores of other lawsuits will be settled.

The 63 claimants include Shaun Russell, whose daughter Josie survived a 1996 hammer attack in which her mother and sister were killed, and Sara Payne, whose 8-year-old daughter was murdered by a pedophile in 2000.

The Guardian newspaper, which has led coverage of the scandal in Britain, said other plaintiffs include Princess Diana's former butler, Paul Burrell; pop star Dannii Minogue; Tony Blair's former communications chief, Alastair Campbell; and Paul Dadge, who was photographed helping to rescue a badly burned woman from the 2005 transit bombings.

Murdoch shut down the 168-year-old News of the World in July after evidence emerged that its reporters had eavesdropped on the telephone voice mail messages of Milly Dowler, a 13-year-old who disappeared in 2002 and was later found murdered.

The revelation - and mounting evidence that phone hacking was routine at the newspaper - shook Murdoch's media empire, and sent tremors through Britain's political, police and media establishments. It forced the resignation of two of London's top police officers, ousted executives at Murdoch's News Corp. and claimed the job of Prime Minister David Cameron's former spin doctor, Andy Coulson. An ex-News of the World editor, Coulson resigned form Downing St. in January and was later arrested and questioned about hacking.

News Corp. has expressed contrition, launched an internal inquiry and set aside 20 million pounds ($32 million) to compensate victims, who could number in their hundreds. Detectives have informed more than 450 people that they might have been spied on by the newspaper.

News International, Murdoch's British newspaper division, said in a statement that it was "committed to reaching fair and where possible swift settlements with victims of illegal voicemail interception and has unreservedly apologized to those affected."

Kidnap victims allegedly held in Mexican jail

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—Several police officers in northern Mexico allowed a violent drug gang to hold kidnap victims in the local jail while ransom payments were being negotiated, a state official said Thursday.

Hours later, the navy reported finding 32 bodies in three houses in the Gulf coast seaport of Veracruz, where just two weeks ago 35 tortured bodies were dumped in front of shocked motorists on a main avenue. The first incident appeared tied to fighting between rival drug cartels, but officials did not immediately say if Thursday's find was drug releated.

The scandal at the northern prison came to light this week when state and federal police freed two kidnapping victims from jail cells in Juarez. Investigators believe that the victims were abducted by the extremely violent Zetas cartel and that the officers were working for the Zetas, Domene said.

Four police officers from Juarez, a suburb of the city of Monterrey, are being held pending further investigation, said Jorge Domene, the security spokesman for Nuevo Leon state.

Local police in northern Mexico have often been bribed or threatened to work for drug gangs by providing them with information, protecting their activities or detaining and turning over members of rival gangs.

Domene noted that last weekend, the Nuevo Leon attorney general's office detained 73 local policemen from a half dozen communities in the state who confessed to having performed various services for gangs, including spying, acting as lookouts, and carrying out killings and kidnappings.

Authorities then conducted background checks on 99 other officers, 21 of whom were fired after refusing to cooperate. Forty-three have passed the checks so far.

The bloodshed in Veracruz appears related to a drug gang's challenge to the Zetas cartel, the violent gang that has been expanding its control of drug markets and trafficking routes, Mexican officials said.

A gang thought to be aligned with the Sinaloa cartel is apparently striking at the Zetas, who took control of the drug trade in Veracruz last year.

President Felipe Calderon decided last week to deploy federal police and security forces to the state of Veracruz.

The Mexician navy said all 32 bodies were found Thursday. it said Veracruz state agents found the first 20 inside a house in a residential neighrbohood. A search in a home at another subdivision yielded 11 more bodies, and the final body was discovered later in a third house.

President Felipe Calderon mentioned the problem of corruption in local police forces during a speech Thursday. A government report in September said many local officers still earn $350 a month or less, despite reform efforts aimed at increasing wages and decreasing corruption.

Young Style

Kids' ER concussion visits up 60 pct. over decade

By MIKE STOBBE
AP MEDICAL WRITER

ATLANTA (AP)—The number of athletic children going to hospitals with concussions is up 60 percent in the past decade, a finding that is likely due to parents and coaches being more careful about treating head injuries, according to a new federal study.

"It's a good increase, if that makes any sense," said Steve Marshall, interim director of the University of North Carolina's Injury Prevention and Research Center.

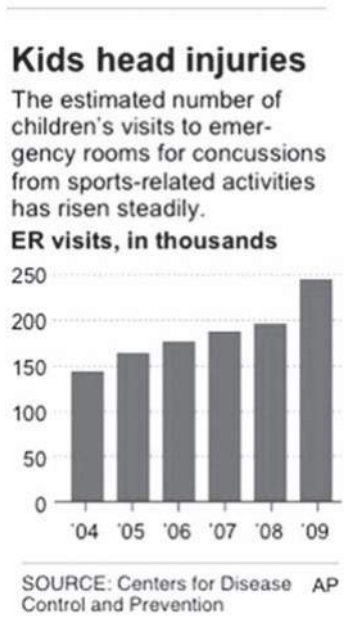
"These injuries were always there. It's not that there are more injuries now. It's just that now people are getting treatment that they weren't getting before," said Marshall, who was not involved in the new research.

Bicycling and football were the leading reasons for the kids' brain injuries, but health officials said that could be at least partly related to the popularity of those activities. For example, it's possible many more kids bike, so a larger number of bike-related injuries would be expected.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study is based on a survey of 66 hospital emergency departments that was designed to be nationally representative. The CDC looked at non-fatal data for the years 2001 through 2009 for kids and teens ages 19 and younger.

The agency looked at traumatic brain injuries, a category of injuries that mostly counts concussions but also includes skull fractures and bleeding in the brain.

The estimated numbers of kids coming into ERs with these brain injuries rose dramatically, about 153,000 in 2001 to nearly 250,000 in 2009. The rate also



rose, also by about 60 percent.

However, there was not a significant increase in the rate of kids who were immediately admitted to the main hospital for further treatment. That suggests that more so than in the past, more coaches and parents have been bringing kids to the ER with mild concussions and blows to the head, said Dr. Julie Gilchrist, a CDC epidemiologist who led the study.

That's probably due to more awareness of the formerly under-appreciated long-term hazards of concussions, she added.

In 2003, the CDC started a "Heads Up" youth concussion awareness campaign targeting doctors. Since then, the agency has expanded the focus to coaches and school officials.

That effort was bolstered by a series of studies that began to appear around 2005 that showed damage in the brains of former National Football League players. Media coverage of such studies has intensified in the past four years, too, with reports focusing not only on football players but also the actress Natasha Richardson, who died in 2009 from a brain injury from a skiing accident.

At the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York state, nearly all of the kids who come in with concussions are brought in by their parents. Such visits have been increasing, and many parents seem to have become aware of the danger of concussions by reports on television, said Dr. Jeffrey Bazarian, an emergency physician there.

"I think the TV specials on this have them spooked," he said.

Parents may also be motivated by recently passed state laws in New York and elsewhere that require student athletes with concussion symptoms to be cleared by a medical professional before being allowed to participate in sports, Bazarian said.

In 2011, bills were introduced in at least 39 states that were aimed at better management of traumatic brain injuries, and most targeted sports-related concussions in youths, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Other highlights from the CDC study:

- About 70 percent of the ER visits were by boys.
- About 70 percent were kids ages 10 to 19.
- Younger kids commonly got their injuries on the playground or from biking. Older kids were more likely to get them from sports, with football being the leading source for brain injuries in older boys, and biking, soccer and basketball for older girls.
- The estimated number of traumatic brain injuries in athletic kids held about steady from 2001 to 2004, but then shot up afterward, rising most dramatically from 2008 to 2009.
- Overall, about 15 percent of such traumatic brain injuries each year was from bicycling, on average, making that the leading cause. Football was a close second.

Health officials have long advocated the use of bicycle helmets as a way to reduce the severity of head injuries, but helmet use dropped after the early 1990s and has been holding at a fairly low rate for more than a decade. About 85 percent of youths say they rarely or never wear a bicycle helmet, according to one government survey.

Kids help White House harvest; Bo just says no

WASHINGTON (AP)—It was pizza in the White House garden for Michelle Obama and some elementary school kids Wednesday.

The first lady invited in children from two D.C. schools to help with the fall harvest from the South Lawn garden.

Who will get to eat the veggies? The first family, guests at next week's state dinner and other official events, and people at a local soup kitchen.

But not Bo. The first lady says the family dog doesn't go for veggies.

The garden pizza was assembled on the spot: flat bread hot off the grill, topped with fresh tomato sauce, eggplant, sweet potatoes and cheese.

Twitter fans chronicled it all as part of a White House tweetup.

AP

First lady Michelle Obama helps local school children from Bancroft and Tubman elementary schools dig up sweet potatoes, as they harvest vegetables for the third annual White House kitchen garden fall harvest, Wednesday, Oct., 5, 2011, at the White House in Washington.

Frame for man's best friend

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

As a pet lover, I think anyone who loves animals should have the right to keep a pet. But taking one into your home is a huge commitment that goes above providing food and medical treatment. You must commit to meet all the animal's needs, including proper training and providing adequate exercise on a daily basis, either by walking on a sidewalk, a trail or on a treadmill. Well-behaved dogs generally receive better training, starting in puppyhood. And they get exercise every day—it's not enough to open up the door and let them outside to run inside a fenced-in yard.

Cats have needs, too, such as toys to keep their minds stimulated to replace their basic instinct to hunt; perches so they can climb high as their ancestors did in trees and specific scratching places for claws.

Studies and practical knowledge tell me dogs that are walked on a daily basis have fewer behavior problems. Consistently walking your dog also gives you the best opportunity to train it and allows it to gain confidence that you will always be there to protect it.

Dogs that have been bred as working dogs, such as the border collie, have instinctive needs to do the job they were bred to do. The border collie, for example, will herd rocks or even small children if they aren't given the opportunity to do some kind of job to replace the herding instinct they have learned through generations.

MCT

Celebrate man's best friend with this dog biscuit picture frame craft project.

To celebrate "man's best friend" during National Dog Week Sept. 22-28, I made a frame for a photo of your pet with instructions I found at http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-type/animal-bug-crafts/animal-themed-crafts/cat-dog-crafts/puppy-portrait-frame-665734/ on the Web. I modified the directions for our use.

Supplies you will need:

- Flat wooden frame from craft store.
- Multi-colored dog bone-shaped treats.
- Water-based polyurethane.
- Small paint brush.
- White tacky glue.

If the flat wooden frame you purchased has a glass, remove it and the cardboard backing and set them aside.

Paint the frame with a coat of polyurethane and allow to dry.

Place the frame, face side up on a flat working surface and arrange the dog bones around the frame on the flat surface. Place them horizontally, end to end to fashion a border all the way around, or diagonally to accent the corners.

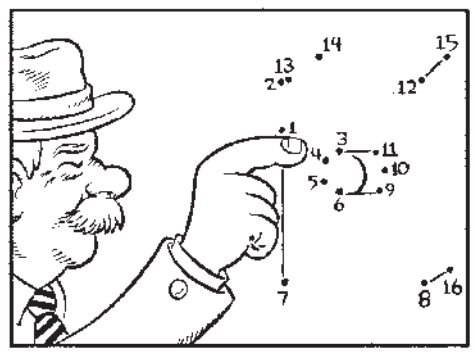
Once the pattern is determined, remove the dog bones, lay them face down, and apply a coat of water-based high-gloss polyurethane to the backs of the bones.

When the backs are dry, use tacky glue to attach the backs to the frame in the pattern you prefer.

Apply polyurethane to the tops and sides of the glued-on dog bones, let dry, and apply another coat of polyurethane.

When the final coat is completely dry, insert the dog's photo and reassemble the frame.___

If you have a craft idea or question, contact Kathy Antoniotti, Akron Beacon Journal, P.O. Box 640, Akron, OH 44309-0640; 330-996-3565; or via email at kantoniotti@thebeaconjournal.com.



CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what asks no questions but requires many answers.

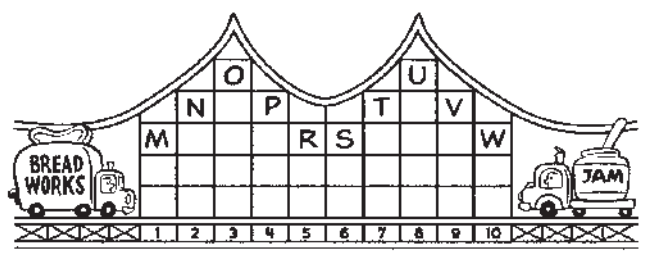
Answer: A doorbell.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each, plus plenty of hints.

1. A very small unit of measurement.
2. A small corner recess.
3. A U-shaped bend in a river.
4. A ringing of a set of bells.
5. A teasing remark (sl.).
6. To drench in a liquid.
7. To pack down tightly.
8. To consolidate.
9. To sell by machine.
10. A large amount of cash.

Answers: 1. Mil. 2. Nook. 3. Oxbow. 4. Peal. 5. Rib. 6. Sop. 7. Tamp. 8. Unify. 9. Vend. 10. Wad.

A FRIGHTENING PUZZLE? To solve this problem you must replace the letters in our AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0 through 9, so that you have a correct addition expression. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did

Our answer: D=9, A=3, R=0, K=2, M=8, S=5, G=1, H=7, O=6, T=4. (8302 + 8352 = 17654.)

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "LANCET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

L	O	
A		E
N		E
C		
E		
T	O	

Answers: (Across) Cat, ale, nee, ton. (Down) Cant, oleo, teen.

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was American artist and illustrator Florence Scovel Shinn who made the following observation: "The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy."

■ In 1811 and again in 1812, earthquakes caused the Mississippi River to temporarily reverse course.

■ You might be surprised to learn that about a million Americans say they drink Coca-Cola for breakfast.

■ Dominique Bouhours, a Frenchman who lived in the 17th century, was a priest, an essayist and a grammarian. The love of language may have been closest to his heart, though; it's been reported that the final words he uttered on his deathbed were, "I am about to—or I am going to—die; either expression is used."

■ The beaver is a rodent.

■ If you're like the average adult, when you're sitting in a relaxed position, you inhale about one pint of air with every breath.

■ The United States isn't the only country that has an accolade to recognize excellence in the film industry. Here the awards are known as the Oscars, but other nations have their own names for the awards: In Canada they're known as Genies, in France they're Cesars, in Russia they're called Nikas, in Mexico they're Golden Ariels, in Spain they're known as Goyas, and in the United Kingdom they're called Orange British Academy Film Awards.

■ Those who study such things say that millions of trees are planted accidentally when absent-minded squirrels forget where they buried their nuts.

■ In ancient Rome, if you had a hooked nose you were considered to be a born leader.

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Thought for the Day: "Four-fifths of all our troubles would disappear, if we would only sit down and keep still."—Calvin Coolidge

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MAGIC MAZE ● FORMER LARGE-DENOMINATION U.S. CURRENCY

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

$1,000 bill	$5,000 bill	Hamilton	Marshall
$10,000 bill	Adams	Jackson	McKinley
$100,000 bill	Chase	Lincoln	Wilson
$500 bill	Discontinued	Madison	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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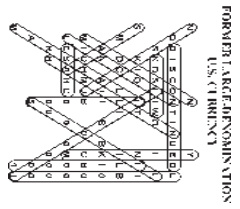

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Constant barking gets on neighbors' nerves

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog barks and howls at everything, whether it's the lawnmower next door or the neighborhood kids playing down the street. He barks at night; he barks when we're at work. It's embarrassing, really. My neighbors have complained about it, but I don't know what to do to stop "Jellyroll" from barking.—Claire S., Orlando, Fla.

DEAR CLAIRE: It sounds to me as if Jellyroll is anxious about the strange noises he hears outside, and also feels anxious when you're not at home or asleep in a separate room. Separation anxiety is a very common problem in dogs. Aggression barking also is a common issue. But they can be dealt with.

To reduce separation anxiety, you must work to increase Jellyroll's confidence that you are not abandoning him when you leave his sight. One way to do this is to have him sit and stay near an exit door. Step outside the door and shut it. Does he begin to bark? Now, step inside and have him sit and stay again—don't allow him to jump up. Repeat these steps until Jellyroll no longer howls when you step outside—and when he doesn't howl, give him a treat each time after you come back in. This could take several sessions, so don't lose heart.

To help deal with his barking at outside noises, socialize Jellyroll further. Introduce him to one or two humans at a time, max, when they visit or when out for a walk. When a scary noise like a lawnmower sets him off, have him sit and stay and give him lots of encouragement and praise as long as he stays and doesn't bark.

There are numerous training techniques you can try, and I recommend working with a trainer to learn more and possibly get even faster results.

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Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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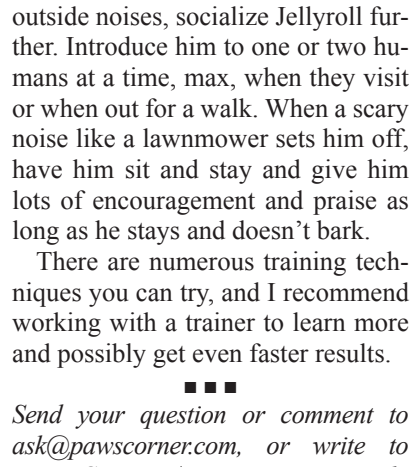
Summer still lingers in backyard garden



A purple petunia here, a rosemary sprig there and even arugula! My old college roomie, Becky, brought a wonderfully fragrant, wispy centerpiece to our house last week as an add-on to an impromptu Saturday-night family supper. Designed with lingering stems, herbs and blossoms from her backyard garden, it was arranged informally in a glass jar. So enchanting and simple. And perfect for a family activity you can enjoy this week.

Even if your backyard or potted deck plants look droopy and lost to the season, poke around and you'll uncover some lovely finds lurking under leaves and between tired summer growth. Plus, it's a great way to give your kids a chance to explore and notice what's going on in nature. Think of your discoveries as the "potpourri" of your garden.

Becky's picks were arranged in a charming, recycled 4-inch-tall and 6-inch-wide glass jar. Hearty dusty miller was placed at the base going out in all directions and became the support, like a flower frog. Along with your kids, look for plants with similar strong stems, and then build a centerpiece using what you have with an eye to plants that are fragrant and will last a while. The final gems that will have staying power, even when the water has evaporated from your vase, include lavender, hydrangea, eucalyptus, sedum, roses, pods and herbs.

Trim off the leaves from the base of the stems before you begin arranging them in a jar or vase. As you put each one in the water, play "name that plant or flower," and have your child repeat what you say. It's especially fun when the name rolls off your tongues nicely, like colorful and lovely "ranunculus."

Place on a pretty cloth runner at the center of your dinner table. You might also toss a handful of acorns you've collected on fall walks here and there. If you are having friends over for supper, add a colorful flat leaf on each plate with a name written on top with a marker for a personal welcome to the table.

Everyone will appreciate the simple gathering to celebrate fall's beauty, tasty food, and friends and family.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Literature Nobel goes to Swedish poet

STOCKHOLM (AP)—The Nobel Prize in literature was awarded Thursday to a psychologist who used his spare time to craft sparsely written poems about the mysteries of everyday life—commuting to work, watching the sun rise or waiting for nightfall.

Tomas Transtromer, Sweden's most famous poet, had been a favorite for the prize for so many years that even his countrymen had started to doubt whether he would ever win.

Now 80 and retired from writing, he finally got the call as he sat down to watch the prize announcement on TV.

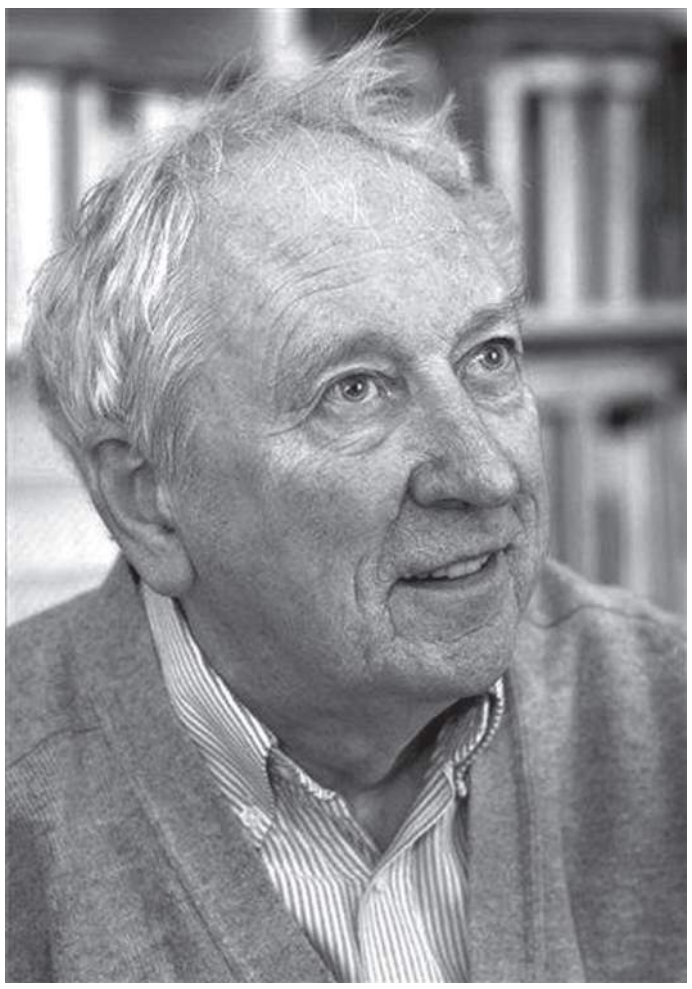
Asked how it felt to be the first Swede in four decades to win the literature prize, he told reporters: "Very good."

He gave mostly one-syllable answers to questions, the result of a stroke more than two decades ago that left him partially paralyzed and largely unable to speak. His wife, Monica, filled in the details.

"It was a very big surprise," she said. "Tomas, I know you were surprised. Despite the speculation for so many years, you haven't really taken it seriously."

Most of all, she said, Transtromer was pleased to see the prize go to poetry for the first time since Wislawa Szymborska of Poland won in 1996.

Transtromer's surrealistic works are characterized by powerful imagery that explores the mysteries of the human mind. His poems are often built around his own experiences and infused with his love of music and nature. He also writes about history, existential questions and death.



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In this undated photo provided by Bloodaxe Books on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, Swedish poet Tomas Transtromer poses for a photograph at an unknown location.

"His poems have a kind of stark, piercing inwardness that's very striking," said Robert Hass, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet who edited Transtromer's "Selected Poems."

"There are lots of poems written about driving back and forth to work, poems about dawn, poems about dusk. He gets those moments in life, those ordinary periods of change."

Transtromer (TRAWN-strohmur) has long been recognized as the most influential Scandinavian poet of the post-World War II era. His work has been translated into more than 50 languages.

But many thought his nationality stood in the way of receiving the prestigious, $1.5 million Nobel from the Swedish Academy, which has often been accused of bias in favor of literature from mainland Europe. Seven of the last 10 winners have been mainland Europeans.

"The Swedish modesty, or the Swedish fear of being Swedish, has postponed Transtromer's award by at least 10 years," Swedish poet Bob Hansson wrote on his blog after the announcement.

The last Swedes to win the literature prize were Eyvind Johnson and Harry Martinson, who shared it in 1974.

Peter Englund, permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, acknowledged that the group is especially cautious about recognizing Swedish writers out of concern that doing so might suggest the members favor their own countrymen.

"I think we've been quite thoughtful and haven't been rash," he said after Thursday's announcement.

Some critics of Transtromer's writing have questioned its lack of social commentary, so often found in the works of other Nobel winners, including last year's laureate, Mario Vargas Llosa of Peru.

Apple fans reach for Jobs' devices to mourn him

By JORDAN ROBERTSON and RACHEL METZ
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He was a conjurer, a modern magician who reached into tomorrow and came up with things that changed millions of lives. And as people gathered at Apple Stores from Sydney to San Francisco to mourn Steve Jobs, the feeling was more than grief for an executive or even an inventor. It was something closer to awe for a wizard.

On Thursday, the admirers who turned his technological marvels into everyday tools used them as instruments of grief. People held up pictures of candles on their iPads, booted up their MacBook Pros to watch old Jobs presentations on YouTube, used their iPhones to sift through remembrances on Twitter.

They grieved his loss through devices that before his time, or without his vision, would have been considered beyond humanity's reach.

Ten years ago, the only people who carried their music around were tech geeks, music obsessives and those willing to tote a clunky CD player. Presto—the iPod, and everyone wanted one. And then another and another.

Five years ago, cellphones had hinges, and the displays looked more like the age of Atari than the age of the Internet. Texting, for the most part, was a matter of cryptography, tapping out strings of numbers to make words. Presto—the iPhone, and everyone wanted one of those, too.

Two years ago, the economy had just tanked, and it was hard enough for companies to persuade people to buy the things they needed. Getting people to buy a product they didn't need was out of the question. Most people already had a desktop computer, or a laptop, or a smartphone. And yet, presto—the iPad.

Nothing up his sleeve. Though Jobs, ever the showman, once reached into the tiny fifth pocket of his trademark blue jeans at an Apple event and fished out an iPod Nano, just to emphasize how small the gadget was. They always were. Ever smaller, ever sleeker, ever cooler.

Anne Sweeney, the president of Disney and ABC, remembered when Jobs flew from Cupertino, Calif., to Burbank to persuade her to license ABC shows to be shown on the tiny screen of his newest invention, the video iPod. He wowed them by playing an episode of ABC's own hit show, "Lost."

Sweeney was so bowled over she forgot to ask where he got a copy of the program.

"I thought, `He's Steve Jobs. He can do anything,'" she remembered.

One day after his death, two days after Apple introduced the latest incarnation of a touchscreen phone that touched pop culture, sadness and admiration poured out—not for a rock star, not for a religious figure, but for an American corporate executive.

"He was a genius," Rosario Hidalgo said outside an Apple Store on the Upper West Side of Manhattan while her daughter, 21-month-old Carlotta, used an iPhone to play an app that teaches children to match animal sounds to animal pictures.

For people who have grown up in a world where iPod headphones are as ubiquitous as wristwatches were to a previous generation, Jobs was remembered as their Elvis Presley or John Lennon. Perhaps even their Thomas Edison.

"It's like the end of the innovators," said Scott Robbins, 34, who described himself as an Apple fan of 20 years and who rushed to an Apple Store in San Francisco when he heard the news.

Apple announced Jobs' death Wednesday night and remembered him as a "visionary and creative genius." The company announced no cause of death, but Jobs had been diagnosed with a rare pancreatic cancer seven years ago and had a liver transplant in 2009. He was 56. The company did not release any details about Jobs' funeral; a spokesman said there would be no public services.

On Thursday, the Apple website, which usually features slick presentations of multicolored iPods and ever-thinner MacBook laptop computers, simply displayed a black-and-white photo of Jobs, thumb and finger to his beard as if in contemplation.

Around the world, tributes sprang up of the highest and lowest technology.

Man wants to pull the plug on late-night chat sessions

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Mindy" for a little more than a year, and mostly we get along. The one thing that is not working is Mindy likes to have long talks on the phone, usually very late into the night.

When I get sleepy and tell her I'm going to bed, she either gets upset, ignores me and continues talking, or tries to guilt me into staying up later to talk. I resent it. I have tried discussing it with her, but she doesn't seem to get it. How can I get across to Mindy that I'd like to go to bed without a fight?

NODDING OFF IN BELMONT, CALIF.

DEAR NODDING OFF: Do it by telling your chatterbox girlfriend in the bright light of day what time your bedtime is. Tell her that if she wants to have long conversations in the evening, that's fine with you—but she needs to respect what your bedtime is. As that time approaches, remind Mindy by saying, "I'm giving you five more minutes, then I'm hanging up the phone." Then do it.

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance's ex-girlfriend "Amanda" has been living with his parents for more than three years. I feel cheated out of the opportunity to have a daughter-like relationship with my fiance's parents. I want her to move out.

I have discussed this with my fiance, and he talked to his mother and told her that we're getting married and it's time for Amanda to leave. Amanda also agrees it's time for her to move, but my future mother-in-law doesn't. I don't think she wants to let go of Amanda and her grandson. It's like Amanda is her daughter.

I don't like the situation. It's not normal, and I don't know what to do. Should I confront his mother or just stay quiet? I want to feel like I'm the daughter-in-law, not Amanda! Please help.

CHEATED IN HOLLAND, MICH.

DEAR CHEATED: I see nothing positive to be gained from a confrontation. Once you and your fiance are married, you WILL be the only daughter-in-law.

However, you will have to accept that Amanda's child will always be your in-laws' first grandchild. Regardless of how far or how fast Amanda moves out, her child will have a place in their hearts and their lives. Having had their grandchild living in their home for this period of time has intensified the bond. Please consider carefully how this will affect you before you marry this man, because feeling as you do, it may be a difficult adjustment.

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DEAR ABBY: In our house we have a simple dress code. We ban the "three B's". If your clothing shows your butt, your boobs or your belly, you may not wear it. I just don't think it's healthy for my teenage sons (or my older son and husband) to have that in their faces as we eat dinner.

Is there a tactful way to approach the kids' friends—who are welcome at all times, but sometimes show up with their boobs hanging out?

COVERING UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR COVERING UP: Yes. If someone comes to the table suffering from overexposure, take the girl aside and tell her that in your house you "dress" for dinner. Then offer her a garment to cover up with.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing you with an etiquette question. If a neighbor is displaying a card, such as a get-well or thank-you card, is it OK to pick it up and read it?

JUST WONDERING IN SPRINGBORO, OHIO

DEAR JUST WONDERING: No, not without first asking permission. To do otherwise could be considered rude or even nosy.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

HOT DAY, ISN'T IT?
I'LL SAY.
BUT IT'S THE HUMIDITY THAT REALLY GETS TO ME.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN IT'S HUMID?
NOT AT ALL.
THEN YOU'D BETTER GET OUT QUICK.
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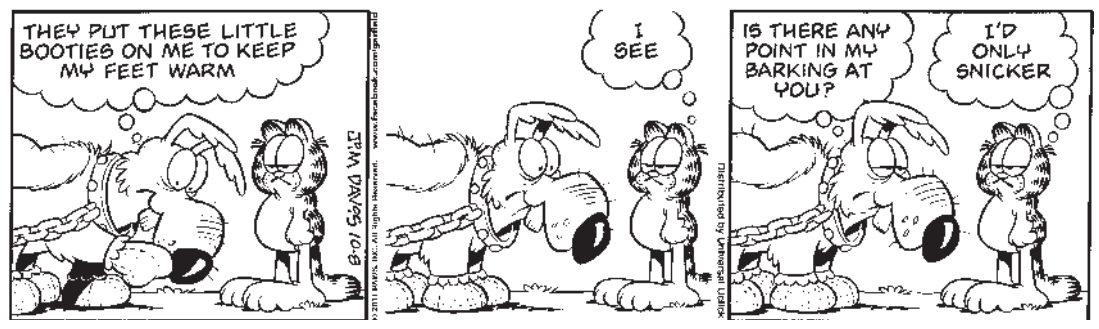
By Jim Davis


THEY PUT THESE LITTLE BOOTIES ON ME TO KEEP MY FEET WARM
I SEE
IS THERE ANY POINT IN MY BARKING AT YOU?
I'D ONLY SNICKER
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HEY, ANDRE, GET ME A TALL COLOMBIAN.
YOU GOT IT.
HOLA. MY NAME IS JUAN CARLOS AND I AM FROM CARTAGENA.
OH, HI JUAN CARLOS. CAN YOU GIVE ME A GOOD RECIPE FOR AJIACO?
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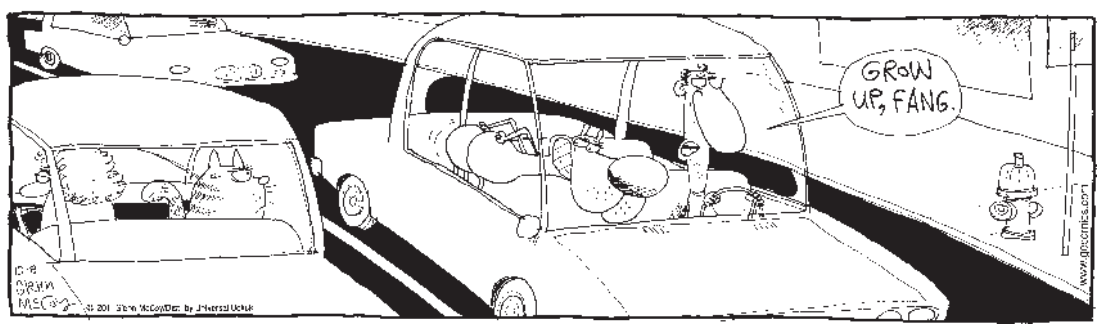
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Ballroom dance
6 Lathers
11 Grow
12 "Unmentionables"
14 Small pool
15 Silencer of a sort
16 Yoko of music
17 Zingers
19 Last letter
20 Gumbo need
22 Brooks or Blanc
23 "Darn!"
24 Disinfectant brand
26 Forms a bond
28 Filch
30 Pop
31 Pertaining to touch
35 Leers at
39 City of India
40 Oft-bracketed word
42 Apiece
43 Extinct bird
44 Bar legally
46 Lemieux milieu
47 Confound
49 Confuse
51 Patronized a restaurant
52 Women of Germany
53 Objects of worship
54 Shrill barks

DOWN
1 Full of mettle
2 Zealots' emotions
3 Chic, to Austin Powers
4 Eventual tulip
5 First-stringers
6 Dropped the ball
7 Responsibility
8 Woodworking tool
9 Fore-and-aft sail
10 Pick
11 Reel
13 Looks for
18 Fun and games
21 Heart line?
23 Bet both ways
25 Bud's partner
27 Long March leader
29 Some hounds
31 Florida city
32 Rabbit-like rodent
33 In a frenzy
34 Torched
36 Bedridden
37 Bk. after Prov.
38 Luster
41 Snug and warm
44 Hebrew month
45 100 percent
48 Menagerie
50 Mavericks' city, on scoreboards

Solution time: 27 mins.

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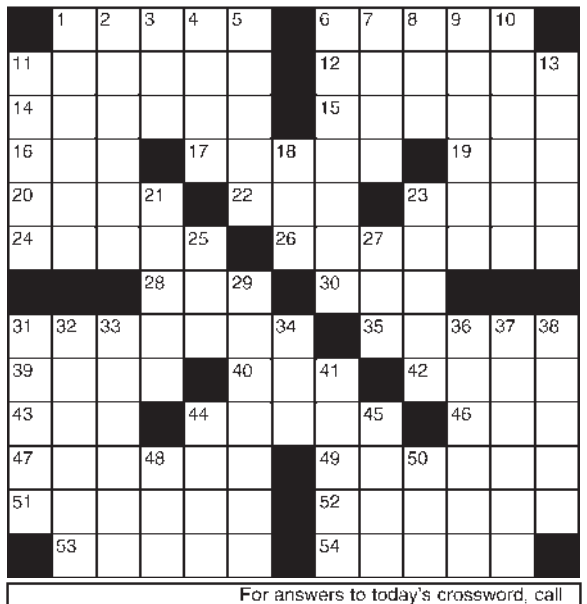
Yesterday's answer 10-8



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Angus T. Jones, 18; Matt Damon, 41; Sigourney Weaver, 62; Chevy Chase, 68.

Happy Birthday: Good fortune will manifest through partnerships. Take inventory of your skills and objectives and present your intentions to people in your field who have something to offer in return. The sky is the limit if you put in the time required to reach your goal. Your numbers are 2, 14, 19, 21, 29, 36, 40.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't jump from one thing to another. Inconsistency will make you appear incompetent. Take on a challenge that requires both physical and mental agility and concentrate on being successful. One accomplishment is better than several failures. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A short trip back in time will help you put things in perspective. Reuniting with old friends will remind you of old goals you put aside to pursue new endeavors. Consider resurrecting such ventures now and you will entice someone to contribute something worthwhile. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Proceed with caution when dealing with an emotional matter. Take a look at professional options and consider what you can do to earn more money. A creative idea or skill you have can be turned into a small part-time business. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Nothing is free, and promises made will be broken. Avoid being gullible when it comes to products that profess to do the impossible. An older or younger person in your life is likely to be a burden. Don't give in to unreasonable demands. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Put greater emphasis on home and family. Make domestic improvements that will add to the comfort and the entertainment you can offer others. Love is in the stars, and a little romance will enhance a relationship with someone special. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't leave anything to chance. You must take control and make strategic moves that will protect you and your possessions. A change in your financial situation can go either way, depending on how you react to the current economic climate. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Start a hobby that will inspire you creatively. Plan to join or participate in an event or activity that will bring you in contact with like-minded people. Love is in the stars, and plans to get out and share your feelings will be well received. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take care of domestic matters and make alterations to your living arrangements that will lead to a better rapport with family, friends or neighbors. Keep your thoughts to yourself and make whatever you do a surprise. Your plans will bring you good fortune. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stretching the truth will not be tolerated and will lead to emotional turmoil. You can expect alterations to your current living conditions. Concentrate on pending legal, financial or health issues. Helping a cause will unite you with interesting people. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Express yourself explicitly. Someone will twist your words or try to force you into something you'd rather avoid. Protect your home and refuse to let the words or actions of others ruin your day. Anger is the enemy. Keeping the peace is your saving grace. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Invest money and resources into your abilities. An inventive idea you have will lead to a moneymaking venture. Your time and energy will be well spent developing something you enjoy. Romance is highlighted. Share your plans with the one you love. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Attend a unique event and you will connect with someone who can contribute to a project you want to pursue. An old concept or idea with a new twist will be timely in today's marketplace. Make concessions for the partner who can contribute. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, unique, persuasive and charming.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	7	6	8	1	4	9	2	5
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9	1	3	6	4	7	5	8	2
8	6	5	3	2	1	4	7	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/07

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

NANTUCKET ISLAND **Solution: 7 letters**

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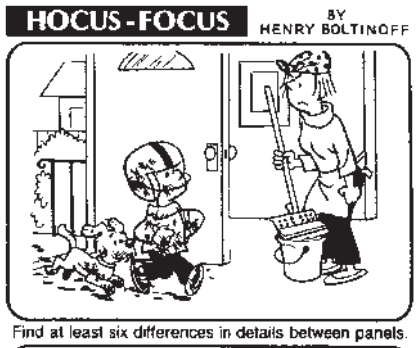
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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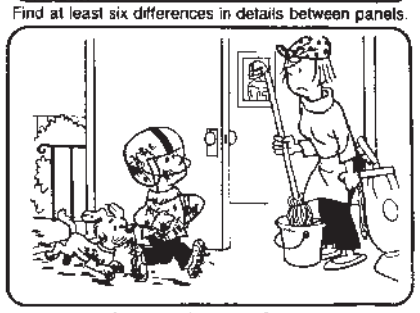

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Differences: 1. Picture has been added. 2. Mop is different. 3. Vacuum cleaner has been added. 4. House is missing. 5. Window in door is gone. 6. Boy is wearing cleats.

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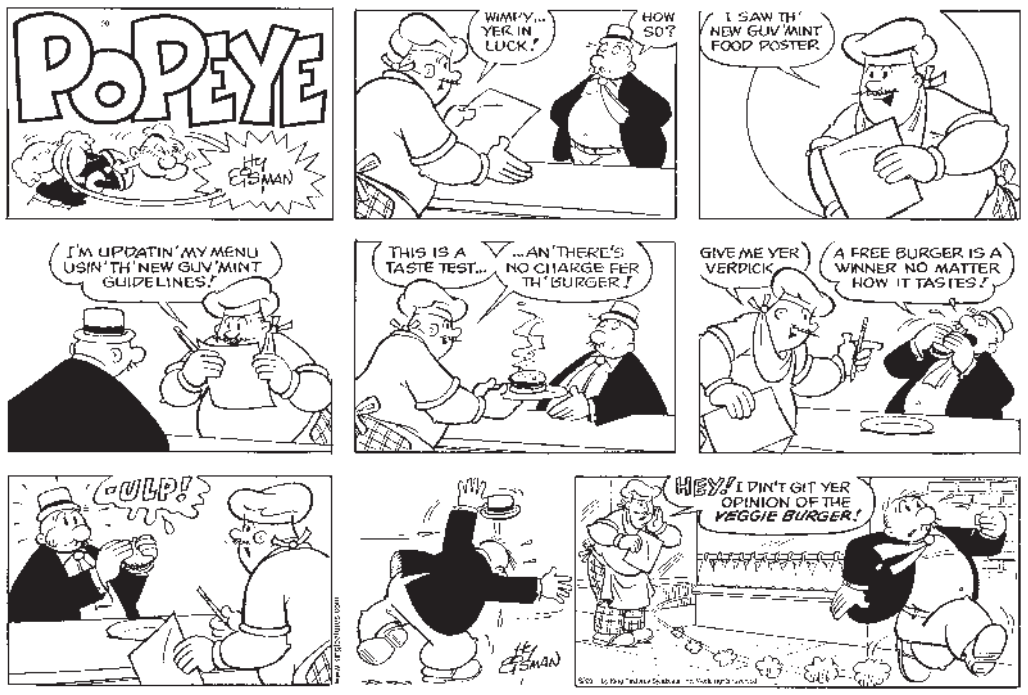
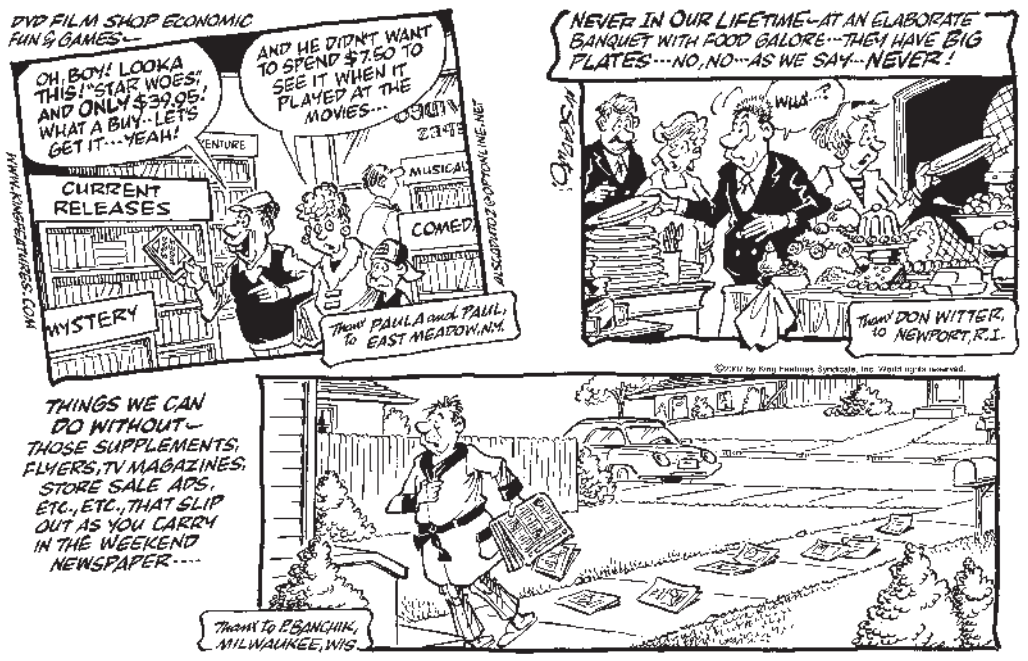

POPEYE
Hey EISMAN
WIMPY... YER IN LUCK!
HOW SO?
I SAW TH' NEW GUV'MINT FOOD POSTER
I'M UPDATIN' MY MENU USIN' TH' NEW GUV'MINT GUIDELINES!
THIS IS A TASTE TEST...
...AN' THERE'S NO CHARGE FER TH' BURGER!
GIVE ME YER VERDICK
A FREE BURGER IS A WINNER NO MATTER HOW IT TASTES!
GULP!
HEY! I DIN'T GIT YER OPINION OF THE VEGGIE BURGER!

They'll Do It Every Time — by Al Scaduto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WILL—?
Thanx DON WITTER, to NEWPORT, R.I.
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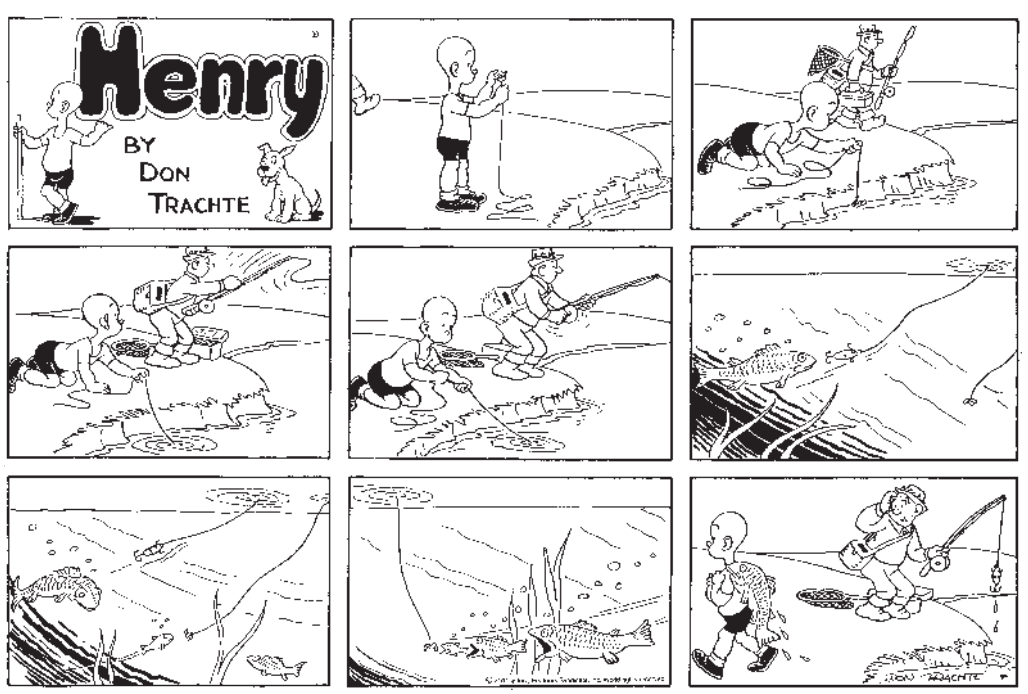

Super Crossword

LOTS OF LIBRAS

ACROSS

1 Engage, as gears
5 Spanish city
10 Writer Silverstein
14 Correctional
19 — vera
20 Church law
21 Hawaiian harbor
22 Isolated
23 Singer born 10/9/1940
25 Writer born 10/16/1856
27 Win by —
28 Catty remark?
30 Wells or Tarbell
31 "— the season . . ."
32 Hall's partner
36 Spring mo.
37 Fan
40 Time to crow?
43 Cunning
44 Sayer and Delibes
46 Ballplayer Winfield
47 Significant years
48 Racer Luyendyk
49 Composer Nino
51 Bacteria
54 Comic born 10/5/1924
56 Veterinarian born 10/3/1916
59 Rabbit food
60 Tiger food
62 Actress Zadora
63 Take inventory
64 Clay clump
67 Leading lady?
68 Landon or Kjellin
70 Figs.
71 Coach born 10/18/1939
74 Entertainer born 10/10/1946
78 Pine product
79 Patriotic org.
80 Merry month
81 Leading man?
82 College exams
85 Hurried
87 On the briny
89 Stringed instrument
93 Actress born 10/17/1918
96 Artist born 10/19/1937
99 Genders
100 Stead
101 Bard's river
102 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
103 Kind of oven
105 Valuable
107 Part pugilists
108 Walked
109 Venus —
112 Showed the way
113 Consequences alternative
115 Paid player
116 Drillers' org.
117 Horus' mom
119 Intended
123 Poet born 10/14/1894
127 Actor born 10/20/1882
131 Saw
132 Mine feature
133 Permission
134 Abhor
135 Crow toe
136 Glasgow girl
137 Adds lace
138 Manuscript imperative

DOWN

1 Goya's "The Naked —"
2 North Carolina campus
3 London area
4 Kermit's creator
5 Master
6 Delivery truck
7 Lodging
8 Hang over
9 Use a 103 Across
10 Where to see models
11 Terry-cloth inscription
12 Spanish hero
13 Rich
14 Dachshund's dog
15 Yalie
16 Nick of "Cape Fear"
17 Actress MacDowell
18 Dregs
24 Where flocks frolic
26 Act like Attila
29 Function
33 Skater Lipinski
34 "— go bragh!"
35 Cook clams
38 Manifest
39 — incognita
40 Labor leader Eugene
41 Notes from Verdi?
42 Room divider
45 Footfall
48 Confuse
50 Laotian native
52 "Now We Are Six" author
53 Greek lawmaker
55 Deficiency
56 Hirt hit
57 Turkish treat
58 Cobb and Hardin
61 "A mouse!"
65 Eccentric
66 Frank book
69 Nourished
71 Roger of baseball
72 Boiling
73 Go fishing
74 Big party
75 Check out
76 Poe crow
77 Kuwaiti ruler
78 Rocky hill
80 Grows up
83 Without care
84 Word with metal or music
86 Film —
88 In pieces
90 Julie's "Doctor Zhivago" co-star
91 Composer Schifrin
92 Cut the payroll
94 Guru's grounds
95 Practical people
97 At any time
98 Soybean product
104 Tire type
106 Fit to feast on
108 Chicken servings
109 Singer Payne
110 Regional
111 Bamboo muncher
114 Kind of cross
115 Swamp stuff
118 Bird food
120 Castle ditch
121 Tivoli's Villa d'—
122 Spare fare
124 Actor Tognazzi
125 Half of us
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128 Trail
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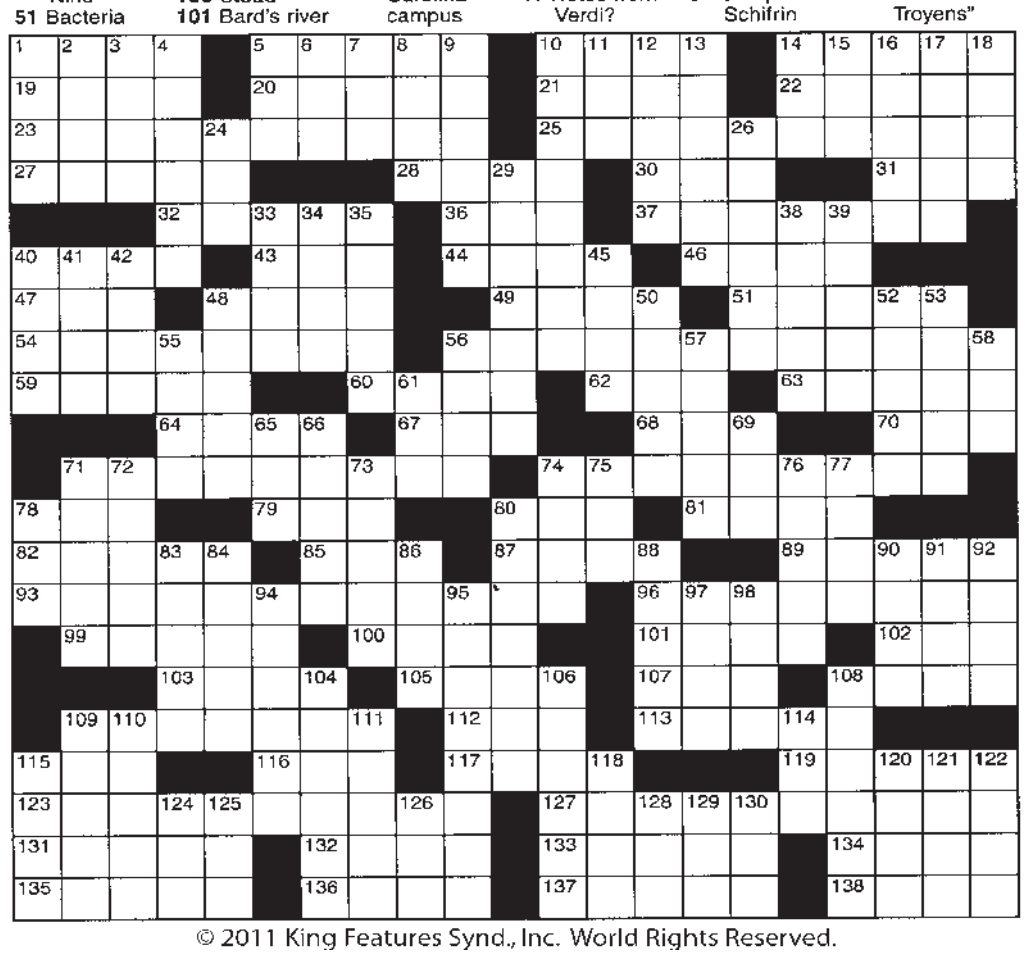
130 Berlioz's "— Troyens"



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What famous Hollywood couple starred in the 1967 movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"
2. TELEVISION: What was Lurch's job on "The Addams Family"?
3. MUSIC: What is Jo Jo's hometown in the Beatles' song "Get Back"?
4. RELIGION: On what date is All Saints Day celebrated in Western Christianity?
5. PHYSICS: Who is known as "the Father of the Hydrogen Bomb"?
6. PRIZES: Who won the 1939 Pulitzer Prize for history with his biography "Abraham Lincoln: The War Years"?
7. HISTORY: Which French king abdicated during the Revolution of 1848?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the first Yankee Stadium open?
9. INVENTIONS Who invented the electric battery?
10. LITERATURE: Where does Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet" take place

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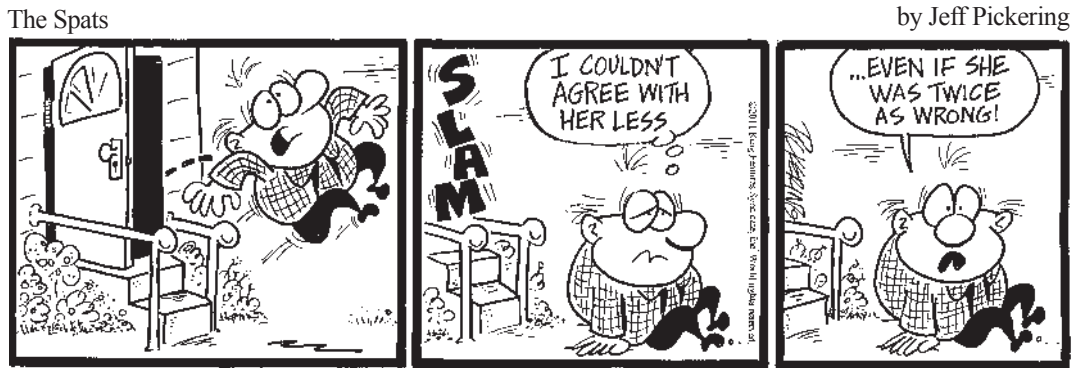
Answers

1. Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn
2. Manservant
3. Tuscon, Ariz.
4. Nov. 1
5. Edward Teller
6. Carl Sandburg
7. Louis Philippe
8. 1923
9. Alessandro Volta
10. Verona, Italy

Saturday's Answers

The Spats — by Jeff Pickering



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4–Electrician $5.05-$5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs exp. bldg. electrician. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

1–Plumber $5.05-$5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

1–Carpenter $5.05-$5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

1–Commercial Cleaner $5.05/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 Architect. Degree required. 5 yrs exp. Utility residential design ACAD v2011. Send resume to P.O. Box 505339

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1 Sales Representative-With 6 months experience in direct selling of fish, minimum salary. Send resume to SFC P.O. Box 10005 Saipan, MP 96950

Julian S. Calvo, Jr. dba
Electronix Shop
Vacancy Announcement

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

Must be a High School graduate with TECHNICAL COURSE or College DEGREE. Salary minimum, 5 – 10 years work experience required. Knows how to repair, troubleshoot, and diagnose broken computer box for vhehicles. To repair or maintain Industrial Electronics such as Programmable Logic Control (PLC) or small Man Machine Equipment (MME) and all related electronic items.

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EMPLOYMENT

1–Accountant. $5.05-12.69/hr. Bachelor's Degree in accounting. 5 yrs working experience. Bring resume to Saipan Community School in Susupe.

1-School bldg maint./repairer. $5.05-8.08/hr. 5yrs experience. College or HS graduate. Bring resume to Saipan Community School in Susupe.

Oprtns Manager $10.00/hr. w/ 5 yrs exp. Excellent knwldg & skills, responsible for the daily oprtns & bldg maint. Do cost estimation & preparation of proposal & negotiation w/ clients.
Construction/Maint. $5.05/hr. w/ 3 yrs exp. Extensive knwldg in masonry, plumbing, electrical & carpentry. Can read blueprint & can work w/o supervision. Able to lift heavy blocks & flexible in work sched. Send resume to maniacop_lydia@yahoo.com. GMA Corp. dba NMI Contructor.

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1 Computer programmer, Sal. $5.05/hr. min. 4yrs exp. email resume to jikangahn@gmail.com, 235-4485 JJ Brothers Corp.

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1 Gen Manager, 1 Scuba Diving Instructor. $5.25 to $7.00/hr depending on qualification w/ min of 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Must be Certified Instructor by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

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1 Electrician $ 5.05/hr & 1 Commercial Cleaner $ 5.05/hr Contact C & H Saipan, Inc. @ 234-7709

1 Building and Grounds Maintenance $ 5.05/hr. Contact Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors @ 234-7524

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1 Dressmaker (tailoring and custom design) Call Susan Island Style at 285-2906.

Herbarium / Farmer . 5 yrs. exp in growing herbs & masclun $300-500/ mo. Email resume to happydays-saipan@hotmail.com.

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Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Registrar (1)
Qualifications
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Proficient in computer skills: excel, Word, Photoshop;
Proficient in filing/record-keeping;
Communication skills: community, parents, various ethnic groups;
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Pre-school teacher. (1)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably Early Childhood Education;
At least 2 years teaching experience in Early Childhood education, preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Substitute Teacher (1)
Holder of a BA degree;
Must be flexible with substituting in any grade level;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Preferably ACSI certified.

Bookkeeper (2)
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably in Accounting;
At least 2 years experience preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Can work independently and less supervision;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Knowledge in School Minder/Accountrak programs preferred.

Maintenance – Repairer
Must have at least 2 years experience as ground/building maintenance;
Must be at least high school graduate;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

2 Elementary School Teachers
1 Middle School Teacher
2 High School Teachers G9-G12)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; major in any one of these subjects for middle school and High school, Math, Science, English;
At least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Business Administrator:
Holder of Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in Accounting;
At least 5 years experience in a managerial capacity in the area of finance, and general services preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Must be able to direct and administer financial/administrative operations of the organization;
Must be able to formulate & implement financial policies and procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
Must be able to prepare, analyze, and interpret financial reports;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy Tinian Campus
is looking for:

2 Elementary School Teachers and 2 Junior High Teachers – Full Time
Qualifications:
- Must be a holder of Bachelor's degree with at least 2 years teaching experience, preferably in a Christian School
- Must be willing to submit previous employer reference (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the education/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must Adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside a classroom setting if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

1 School Custodian worker – Part Time – 25 hours per week
Qualifications:
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and at least 2 years experience as a school custodian having experience maintaining/overseeing all day to day facility operations of a school including grounds keeping, general building maintenance and various other school and student related responsibilities.
- Must be willing to submit previous employer references (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the educational/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside regular job duties if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

Applications may be downloaded at www.gca-nmi.com
Please submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy – Tinian / PO Box 520422 by mail or in person
GCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy Rota Campus
is looking for:

1 Preschool Teacher
Holder of high School Diploma and at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School

1 Elementary School Teacher
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School;
- Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
- Must adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Salary: $5.05/hour

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy, Sinapalo 1, Rota, MP 96951
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Full Time Mechanic
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- Must be knowledgeable in over-hauling vehicle engine.
- Must have knowledge in electrical and transmission repair
- 6-7 years of work experience is required

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Please submit your resume at Marianas Visiting Nurses.
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D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

BOOKKEEPER

Associate's Degree in Accounting and a minimum of 2 years experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis in accounts receivables & payables are required. Must possess work-related skill, knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/SBT or similar accounting systems

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or a minimum of 3 years work related experience are required. Preferably with F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation experience. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Nihonngo or Korean language will be advantage. A valid driver's license is required along with a clean driving record. Availability to work on evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience.

Interested applicants must submit their application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by October 14, 2011. Applications may also be sent to: maxk@pticom.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1 position) $2,500 per month
- Knowledgeable in electrical products, retail/wholesale stores procedures to include: quotations, sales, payments, materials ordering, receiving, warehousing, and distribution.
- Familiar in electrical materials pricing in CNMI, including latest electrical products
- Must have knowledge in Point of Sales system and have experience in managing store/maintenance staff
- Have experience in importing/exporting electrical products, via air or shipping (Guam, Korea, USA)
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Must be bilingual (English & Korean Language), with at least 5 years work experience as Procurement Manager

Bidding Manager (1 position) $1,800 per month
- Knowledgeable in Project Contracting Activity Standards such as; Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), USACE, NAVFAC, CNMI Procurement, CNMI ARRA
- Knowledgeable in International Construction Standards; NEC, EM 385-1-1, OSHA, CNMI, and local government laws.
- Have ability to detailing project scope of works and requirements
- Have ability to read and analyze electrical plans, wiring diagram, layout, and technical specifications
- Knowledgeable in project estimate and project schedule (BOM/BOQ, labor cost, equipment cost, material specifications, etc.)
- Must be Licensed Electrical Engineer, with at least 5 years experience in Federal Project Contracting Activity

Assistant Office Manager (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in preparing bank and other government agencies documents, lease agreements, monthly billings, collection reports, bank reconciliation, wire transfers requests, online transactions, and all other correspondences with vendors and customers
- Have experience in renewal of business licenses, permits, filing of various tax returns;
- Have experience representing company when dispute arises (CUC, Tax & Revenue, Zoning, and Division of Customs)
- Must be proficient in Peachtree Accounting software. Knowledgeable in accounting system (payroll, receivable/payable, withholding taxes, FICA tax, BGR tax, annual corporate tax, 1040 tax and all other types of tax required from a corporate company)
- College graduate, with at least 5 years experience in accounting system, office management and administration

Computer Programmer (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in computer system (networking, programming), CCTV system, and communication system
- Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures
- Knowledgeable in Point of Sales software system, record of sales, stocks inventory, data base, and networking
- Familiar in sales operations, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 5 years experience in Computer Programming/Networking

Electrical Maintenance Supervisor (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in building inspection, maintenance, repair, safety measures, housekeeping and waste management
- Ability to handle tenants maintenance work request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry, and others)
- Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Familiar in maintenance tools and equipment, building materials and appliances, and equipment spare parts
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 2 years experience in building management system

Electrician (2 positions) $5.05 per hour
- Knowledgeable in electrical system installations in accordance with NEC and local government standards
- Knowledgeable in electrical product sales, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers (product quotation, usage, benefits)
- Knowledgeable in electrical market conditions, product innovations, and competitor's products prices.
- Must have driver's license, with at least 5 years experience in electrical installation and product sales

Carpenter (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in construction building repairs and maintenance (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Knowledgeable in using maintenance tools and equipment (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar with stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must have at least 15 years experience in construction and building maintenance, repairs, and installation

Interested applicants may send resume to hongeei@pticom.com. No phone call please.

HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JC MARKETING, INC. (SAIPAN)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (MEDICAL/CONSUMER)

College Graduate or High School Diploma with 4 years work related experience required. Knowledge on Medical and Consumer products. Computer Literate. Ability to discuss short-term and long term expansion solutions to top management. Ability to establish good relationship with clients/customers; resolve clients problems and complaints. Ability to provide creative ideas for the development of new products. Knowledge in updating website for introducing and promoting products to potential customers. Ability to research medical products and prepare proposals. Be able to negotiate with vendor or potential sources. Must have reliable transportation, driver license and health certificate.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (MEDICAL/INDUSTRIAL)

College Graduate or High School Diploma with 4 years work related experience required. Knowledge on Medical and Industrial products. Computer Literate. Ability to discuss short-term and long term expansion solutions to top management. Ability to establish good relationship with clients/customers; resolve clients problems and complaints. Ability to provide creative ideas for the development of new products. Ability to research medical and industrial products and prepare proposals. Be able to negotiate with vendor or potential sources. Must have reliable transportation, driver license and health certificate.

ACCOUNTING/ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATE

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with 4 years work related experience required. Excellent in numbers, calculations, accounting principles, practices and procedures as well as office record keeping practices and methods, inventory management; proficient in accounting/inventory software and advanced knowledge in Microsoft office tools. Assumes responsibility for effectively researching, tracking and resolving accounting or documentation problems and discrepancies; reconcile business partners accounts; possess problem solving abilities and able to work under time constraints. Able to support Development Associate in research and product costing.

DELIVERY PERSON

High School Diploma with 4 year work related experience required. Capable of lifting, transferring and moving heavy load; ability to operate forklift. Able to perform standard warehousing and merchandising duties if needed like loading and unloading orders, stocking inventory, maintaining warehouse, vehicles and warehouse equipment for the purpose of ensuring safe operation of vehicle. Knowledge on basic math; read and follow instructions; understand multi-step written and oral instructions. Performed other duties as needed. Possess valid driver license and health certificate.

Opening Date: October 6, 2011 Closing Date: October 10, 2011

Interested applicants must submit resume via email at adminspn@jcmarketinginc.com or fax at 235-6336.
Current Police Clearance must be submitted together with resume.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Yano Enterprises, Inc.

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status.

Assistant Restaurant Manager (1): Must be qualified in business English as well as written & oral reporting. Be proficient in inventory, bookkeeping, customer service, restaurant operations, & have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (2): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (1): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (2): Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Able to introduce & recommend menu to customer & other duties related.

Chief Cook (1): Must be experienced in supervising & coordinating orders, operations, & other cooks. Must be able to inspect & standardize raw & cooked food as well as the presentation of dishes. Be able to develop innovative recipes & menus of Japanese cuisine which take in factors such as seasonal availability of ingredients & customer orientation & pax.

Maintenance (2): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license & be flexible in work hours. Must be capable of supervising & doing advanced levels of skilled trade works (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscaping) & be proficient in using equipment including hand & power tools.

Cook (5): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Applicants of positions listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Garapan, Hotel Street. No phone calls please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) REGISTERED NURSES
- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN License
- At least two to five years experience
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- English Language skills- Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

(1)FRONT OFFICE MANAGER
- At least over five years experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record
- English language skills - Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- College Graduate
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedure and diagnosis
- Must be certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spread sheet and general accounting skills.

(1)HEALTHCARE CLINIC SYSTEM MANAGER
- A minimum of two to four years of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience.
- Bachelor's degree, or equivalent
- Maintains specialized computer programs relating to health care operations (medical billing, patient records, scheduler)
- Maintains all of company's computers systems to include computer hardware, computer software, computer network and advance server skills.
- Oversees medical billing department utilizing specialized computer software.
- Oversees administrative areas and designs, develops and maintains a paperless computer system.
- Building maintenance repair, electronic record and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with medical and Medicaid standards.
- Performs such other duties as may be assigned.

(1)ULTRASOUND/X-RAY TECHNICIAN
- At least five years experience
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology
- Must be over five years experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/Knowledge with Practice Partner software in electronic health records usage.
- Licensed by the Medical Profession Licensing Board, CNMI

(2)CLINIC/YARD MAINTENANCE
- Preferred skills and experience
- Buidling construction/Renovation experience
- Experience solar maintenance pv models
- Must have a valid CNMI drivers license
- Must be flexible with time schedule

Please submit applications or resume to Health Professional Corporation dba Saipan Health Clinic at Chalan Kiya, Saipan.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT-WINCHELL'S DONUTS

a. 1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage range $7.50 per hour and up, depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 5 years of continued experience in managing bakery or similar operations. Must be able to manage 15 or more people and more than 1 store. Must be computer literate. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

b. 3 vacancies for **Store Supervisor**. Wage range $5.25 to $7.50 per hour depending on qualifications. College level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in supervising bakery operations. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

c. 8 vacancies for **Sales Associates**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in sales. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

d. 6 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 3 years experience in baking. Knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system preferred. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have a reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test.

Please get application forms and submit them at our Winchell's Garapan location from 8am to 12noon or email them to dennys@guam.net

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-06-RFP

LOAN UNDERWRITER

PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Commonwealth Development Authority is soliciting competitive proposals from qualified firms, companies, agencies and/or persons to provide the services of a loan underwriter experienced in all aspects of the underwriting process, to provide independent contractual services for the CDA in the implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-235).

The CDA on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has applied for State Small Business Credit Initiative funds in the amount of $13,168,350 for the Loan Participation and Loan Guaranty Programs. Programs are subject to CDA and lender criteria as well as SSBCI guidelines.

The purpose of the programs is to provide businesses with high growth and job creation potential that will diversify and strengthen the local economy. It encourages expansion of existing and emerging new industries to expand economic opportunity to all in the community.

The Program targets the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

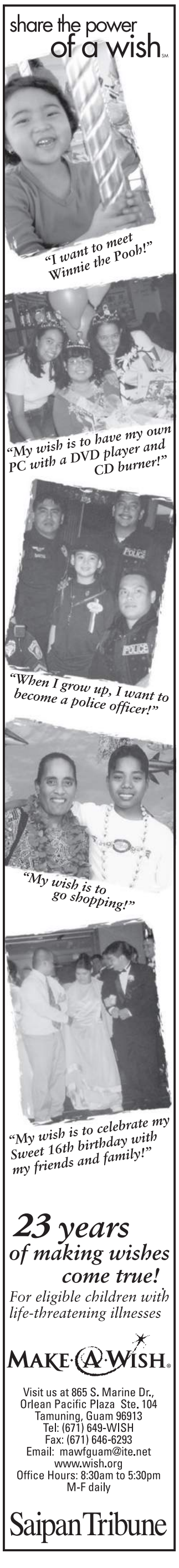
CDA encourages the leveraging of new private investment in the form of fixed asset and working capital investment. The Program provides loan guaranty and participation of up to $5 million to businesses at interest rates and loan maturities that encourage business development and facilitate reinvestment while providing for the recapitalization and growth of fund. The program perpetuates a positive and proactive business climate that encourages the retention and expansion of existing businesses and helps to attract desirable new businesses. The Program objective is to leverage the SSBCI funding ten times (10X) with private financing.

The guidelines and specifications for this RFP may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays, or from the Office of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base or on CDA's website at www.cda.gov.mp. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan MP 96950 no later than 10:00 a.m., October 12, 2011. Envelopes must be labeled "2011-CDA-06-RFP".

Respectfully

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply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• 5-Liner	$24	$39
• 3-Liner with picture	$24	$42
• 5-Liner with picture	$36	$57

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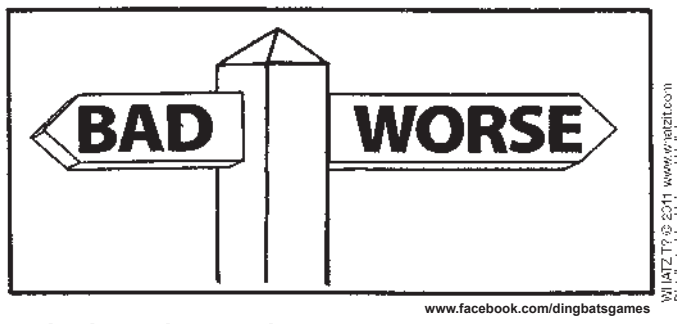

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Tigers beat Yankees 3-2, head to ALCS vs Texas

NEW YORK (AP)—Jose Valverde powered the final pitch past Alex Rodriguez, crouched and then exhaled.

As did the Detroit Tigers, and their fans everywhere.

Don Kelly and Delmon Young hit back-to-back homers in the first inning, then Doug Fister and three relievers spent a tense night trying to protect the lead. They held off the high-powered Yankees—barely—and beat New York 3-2 Thursday in the deciding Game 5 of their AL playoff series.

"It was a gutsy win, especially with all the opportunities they had," Kelly said.

The victory sent Detroit to the AL championship series for the first time since 2006, the year they also eliminated the Yankees in the first round. Game 1 is Saturday night at Texas.

In a thrilling game where the outcome seemed to teeter on every pitch by the Tigers, Fister escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fourth. Grimacing and breathing hard, Joaquin Benoit walked Mark Teixeira to force home the Yankees' second run before striking out Nick Swisher with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

There were more gasps from a new Yankee Stadium record crowd of 50,960—and yes, both benches, too—in the eighth when Derek Jeter hit an inning-ending flyout to Kelly just in front of the right-field wall with a man on.

"We had everyone standing up in the dugout," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "A lot of times it's a matter of a foot here or a foot there, and it's the difference."

Valverde finished with the only 1-2-3 inning for Detroit after the first, getting his second save of the series and remaining perfect in 51 chances this year.

"The Yankees are so good that I would be lying if I said it didn't give me a little extra satisfaction to be able to do it here in the fifth game," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "This will be a game I'll remember for the rest of my life."

While the Yankees were eliminated in the postseason with a one-run loss at home for the first time since the 1926 World Series against St. Louis, Detroit won an all-or-nothing postseason game for the first time since beating the Cardinals in Game 7 of the 1968 World Series.

Detroit celebrated in the visiting clubhouse by pouring alcohol-free Fre Brut sparkling wine - Miguel Cabrera was arrested in February and charged with DUI.

With the Tigers vying for their first World Series title since 1984, ace Justin Verlander will start the ALCS opener against the Rangers' C.J. Wilson.

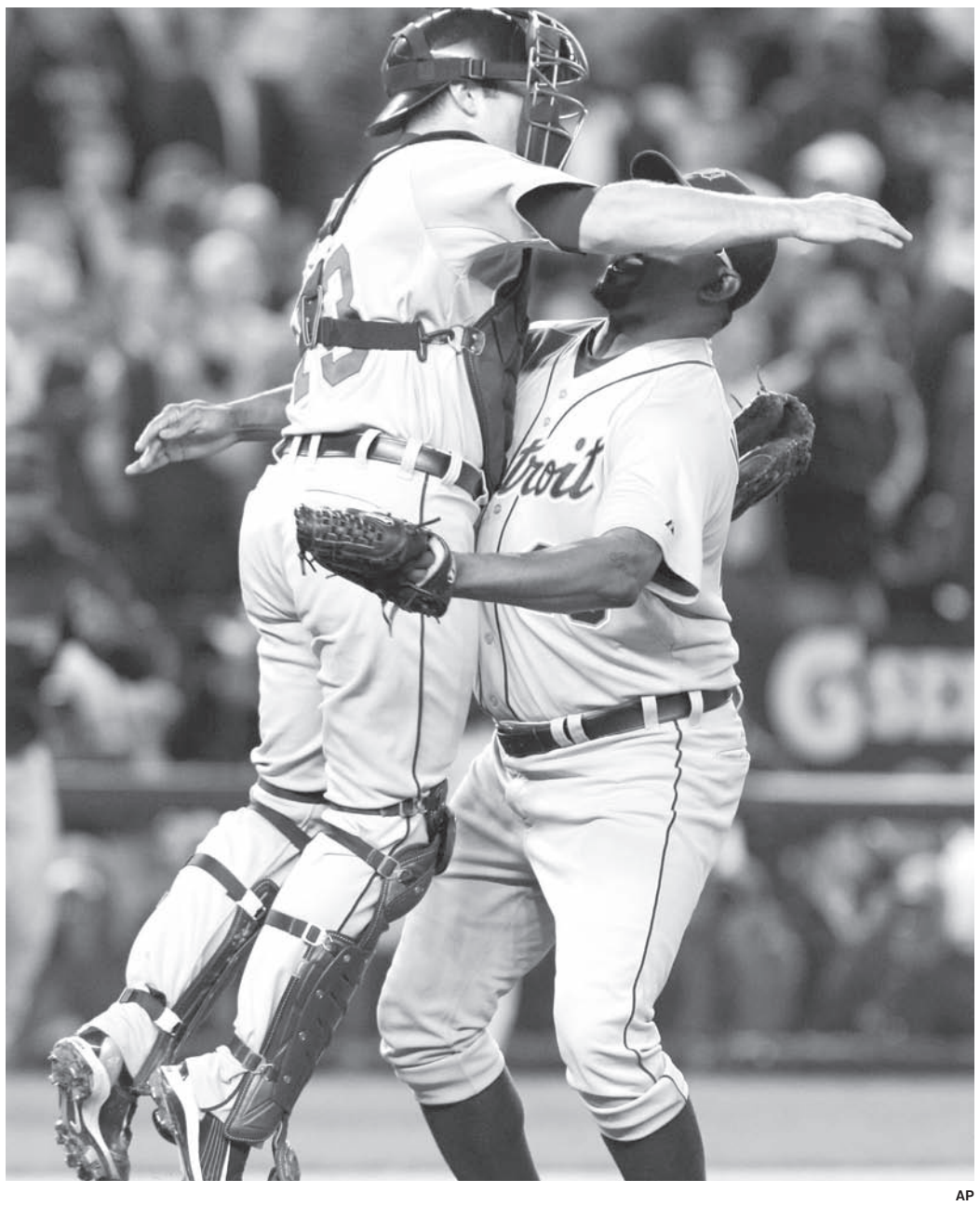
"Anytime you win here has to be extra special," general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "We have a good club. I feel comfortable going in to play with anybody."

New York used six relievers, pulling Ivan Nova after the second inning. CC Sabathia made the first relief appearance of his professional career after 421 starts, and allowed an RBI single to former Cleveland teammate Victor Martinez that made it 3-0 in the fifth.

"It was weird," Sabathia said.

Still, the Yankees had their chances, putting on runners every inning from the second through the eighth. But New York went 2 for 9 with runners in scoring position and 0 for 4 with the bases loaded, and the Yankees stranded 10 runners.

Robinson Cano, who had nine RBIs in the series, started the comeback attempt with a fifth-inning homer into the right-field upper deck.



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Detroit Tigers' Alex Avila, left, and Jose Valverde celebrate after the Tigers beat the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 5 to win baseball's American League division series Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, in New York.

When Jorge Posada, playing perhaps his final game for the Yankees, had singled with two on in the fourth, Rodriguez was held at third. Fister then retired Russell Martin and Brett Gardner on infield popups.

"For me, Rob Thomson is the best third-base coach in the game," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez was 0 for 4 with three strikeouts and hit .118 in the series (2 for 18) and Teixeira batted .167 (3 for 18).

"It's devastating. This is going to hurt for a long time," Rodriguez said. "I've got a lot of work for me to do, personally. I've got to get my health back in order and I know exactly what I have to do to get back to help this team get back to the top."

While the Yankees led the AL with 97 wins during the regular season, the early exit and second straight season without a World Series title will set off a restless offseason search for more starting pitching and offense.

"It's disappointing. I think there's no other way you can put it," Jeter said. "I think that pretty much sums it up."

Kelly and Young homered on the sixth and seventh pitches from Nova, the Game 1 winner who led rookies with 16 wins during the regular season and hadn't lost in the majors since June 3.

The homers were the first back-to-back postseason shots in Tigers' history, and it was the third homer of the series for Young, who was acquired from Minnesota on Aug. 15. Kelly was a surprise starter at third to some.

"The crowd's into it at the beginning and it was just good to get on the board," Kelly said. "It's big to get out in front early here."

Young, the first Tigers player with three homers in a single postseason series, left in the seventh because of a mild left oblique strain and will be re-evaluated Friday.

"On the last swing I felt a little tweak," Young said. "I went out there but wasn't able to finish off my throws. So there's no point playing superhero right now."

After pitching scoreless ball into the ninth inning in winning the resumption of the opener, Nova lasted just 31 pitches and six outs, with the Yankees saying he came out due to tightness in his right forearm.

"We didn't like the way the ball was coming out of his hand. I think it was directly related to that," Girardi said. "Some of his fastballs were cutting, and we never saw that. So I had to make a change."

While the Yankees scrambled their pitchers, Max Scherzer, Benoit and Valverde combined with four innings of one-run, five-hit relief.

"Those guys came through in such a clutch time," Fister said. "This is a tremendous feeling."

Across in the home clubhouse, the Yankees were quiet. They had convinced themselves they would advance.

"It's tough," a choked-up Posada said. "I really have no words."

Another sluggish start for Tiger Woods

SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—Anyone expecting a new and improved version of Tiger Woods saw much of the same old thing Thursday.

An early birdie to raise hopes. A sudden tumble. And he couldn't make a putt.

In his first tournament in seven weeks, Woods went 13 holes between his only two birdies at the Frys.com Open and had a 2-over 73 that put him in danger of missing consecutive cuts for the first time in his career.

"That's probably one of the worst putting rounds I've ever had," Woods said. "I can't putt the ball any worse than I did today."

Texas Open winner Brendan Steele opened with a 4-under 67 on a cool day at CordeValle with a few bursts of showers. He was joined in the lead by Briny Baird, Garrett Willis and Matt Bettencourt.

Woods fell out of the top 50 in the world ranking this week for the first time in 15 years, and it showed. The best golf in his group came from UCLA sophomore Patrick Cantlay, the No. 1 amateur in the world, who opened with a 2-under 69.

Woods was tied for 86th, although he was still only one shot out of the top 70 and ties that advance to the weekend. It marked the sixth straight round in which he failed to break par, and another occasion of having to scroll far down the leaderboard to find him.

He had not played since missing the cut at the PGA Championship in August, finishing out of the top 100 for the first time in a major. Woods said the time off at least gave him time to practice, to nail down the major work in his swing change with Sean Foley, and to play 36 holes a day at home in Florida.

Being back on the PGA Tour was different, even if it looked the same.

There was nothing special about his game, although whatever he did right was derailed once he got on the greens. Woods missed three putts inside 6 feet, two of them for birdie. Even toward the end of his round, he froze when he saw a 4-foot par putt on the 16th hole take a 360-degree ride around the edge of the cup before falling.

"The rest of the game was not too bad," Woods said. "I hit some bad shots, yes. But also, I hit some really good ones. And very pleased at the shots I was hitting most of the day. But I got nothing out of the round on the greens. And whatever momentum I could have gotten by hitting good shots ... you know, I just missed putts."

He missed a 6-foot birdie attempt at the par-5 ninth, but saved par with a 12-footer—the longest putt he made all day—on the next hole. That appeared to give him a lift, for he stuffed his tee shot on the par-3 11th to 4 feet.

The putt didn't even touch the hole.

And then, Woods made a mess of the par-5 12th. From the left rough, the grass grabbed his club and pulled the shot toward the hazard. Woods never found the ball, had to return to the other side of a creek and lay up short of another hazard in front of the green. He had to work hard to two-putt from 35 feet for double bogey.

The last time Woods missed consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour was in 1994, when he was an 18-year-old amateur. In fact, he missed his first seven cuts as an amateur. On the PGA Tour, he has missed the 36-hole cut only seven times in his career.

"I need to put together a good round tomorrow and gradually piece my way back into the tournament," Woods said.

The leaders didn't seem to have many problems, although the cold weather and occasional rain put low scores at a premium.

Steele birdied his last two holes for a 31 on the back nine. Baird has made nearly $12 million on the PGA Tour—the most of anyone without having won a tournament—and at least gave himself hope by playing without a bogey.

The group at 68 included a pair of Australians, Rod Pampling and Matt Jones, both on the bubble for finishing in the top 125 on the money list and keeping their PGA Tour cards. There are two more tournaments after this week.

Money is not an issue for Cantlay—at least not yet. He has done so well this year, from being low amateur at the U.S. Open to his record-setting 60 at the Travelers Championship, that some feel he is ready for the PGA Tour.

He wasn't all that impressed with a score that was four shots better than Woods.

"He played how he played," Cantlay said. "I didn't have any expectations for what he was going to do, or what anybody else was going to do, except for myself."

Cantlay is not one to easily get flustered, even playing with Woods, and it showed on the opening hole. Stepping up to his tee shot, he let out a gaping yawn, then smashed his drive down the fairway.

Spurs' Parker preps for post-NBA future in France

PARIS (AP)—Tony Parker packed his bags for three months—just in case the NBA lockout lasts that long.

Farewell, San Antonio, and hello Villeurbanne. The Spurs star will play for peanuts in France and he's dipped into his own, admittedly deep, pockets to pay for his own insurance, too.

So why bother? Because Parker is taking a long view. Having worked alongside the likes of San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich, Parker plans a management role for himself, too, in his post-NBA future.

Boss Parker. Has a good ring to it.

Rather than fritter away the next few weeks or months—however long the NBA labor dispute lasts—Parker will invest his time in the French club he partly owns, Asvel, based in Villeurbanne in the city of Lyon, one of the food capitals of the world.

He will play for minimum wage: $2,000 a month. But he'll also get valuable hands-on front-office experience working alongside club president Gilles Moretton. Asked if this was something of a business internship for him, Parker said: "Exactly, exactly."

"I always said that after my career I wanted to be the president of a club and manage a club," Parker said at a news conference at a luxury Paris hotel on Thursday. "With Gilles, I have the perfect president to learn from. He can train me so that I am ready in 10 years when I retire.

AP

San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker, left, poses with his new team jersey of Lyon's ASVL and the President of the club, Gilles Moretton during a press conference in Paris, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.

"I'm learning marketing, how to speak to sponsors, how to push projects forward and all that. I want to learn."

Parker bought shares in the 17-time French champions in 2009, some three years after he, Tim Duncan and other Spurs players played a preseason game at Asvel's 5,600-seat arena, the Astroballe, and routed the French club 115-90. After the first two years learning the ropes, Parker became general manager of basketball operations at the club this June, giving him a large say over player hires, contract negotiations and dealings with agents.

Parker said he wants to grow Asvel into "one of the biggest clubs in Europe" and build an academy there for young players, too, next to its planned new arena.

In sneakers and ripped jeans, Parker didn't look like a typical suit—but he does talk the talk.

"First meeting, Monday, 8:30," he said, looking ahead to next week. Then, he joked: "We are going to have to change the hours."

"There are always projects. There are always things to do, managing people and different personalities. I like the development side, watching the young players, recruiting them, choosing who we are going to sign. All aspects of managing a club," he said.

Parker said he turned down rich offers from China and elsewhere to play for Asvel. French sports newspaper L'Equipe reported that his playing insurance cost Parker $250,000 for three months. Parker wouldn't give a figure but said: "I'm not going to make my own club pay for my insurance."

"For me it wasn't at all a question of money," he said. "If it was a question of money, I would have gone to China or to Barcelona. What was most important to me was to give back to France everything that it give to me.

"I'm helping my team. I invest a lot of my time, a lot of my money, with the team and I want, you know, to try to help French basketball to have a better place in France," he said. "I know in the States, you know, it can sound crazy. But for me, I have a bigger picture. I know what I want to do with Asvel."

So the three-time NBA All-Star and three-time NBA champion with the Spurs will now ride to games in a team bus, live in an apartment provided by the club and "be a player like everyone else."

Not quite like everyone else. He said he phoned one of his new teammates, 19-year-old Leo Westermann, to ask if he would lend him the No. 9 jersey, which Parker wears for San Antonio, during his French sojourn.

"He said, 'No problem,'" Parker recounted. "Then again, he didn't have a choice because I'm the vice president.

"No, I'm kidding," he quickly added. "Had he wanted to keep it, I would have taken another number. He said it was an honor."

The NBA has already canceled its entire preseason, and the first two weeks of the regular season will be wiped out if there is no labor agreement by Monday.

"No one knows what is going to happen with the lockout. Honestly, I have no idea. For the moment I'm here and when it (the NBA) starts again, I will go back to San Antonio," Parker said. "I packed my bags for three months. Because the rumors about the NBA say that we'll start again in January, so I packed for three months, just in case."

NBA *lockout hitting some cities hard*

CLEVELAND (AP)—Across the street from Quicken Loans Arena, a building that rocks and rolls from November until April as home to the Cavaliers, reality is posted on a wall.

Harry Buffalo is one of the downtown restaurants in Cleveland that counts heavily on the beer-drinking, burger-devouring NBA crowd to keep its doors open. Operations manager John Adams has taped an internet report outside the kitchen for his waitresses, bartenders and cooks to read.

With yellow highlighter, he's shaded the grim news of the NBA labor impasse for his employees, some of whom may soon lose their jobs if there's no deal.

This is where the lockout hits home, and hits hardest.

"It's rough," Adams said, glancing toward The Q. "I've got three single moms on my wait staff and two single dads in the kitchen. I've got their 11 children to think about. It's painful when it's out of my control, when I have to put the business first and say I can't have 15 servers on staff because we don't have the business."

This week, the NBA canceled its preseason. On Monday, Commissioner David Stern may wipe out the first two weeks of the regular season if his millionaire players and even wealthier owners can't agree on how to split revenue and cap salaries.

Sure, players are temporarily out of work and will have to find ways to maintain their skills. But Kobe Bryant has the luxury of potentially signing with an Italian team to do that, earning a big salary until the labor unrest settles.

Others aren't as fortunate.

The loss of one game, let alone 10 or maybe all 82, will have a devastating impact on workers with jobs dependent on pro basketball's six-month-plus season. A few teams have already trimmed their staffs and more layoffs could be forthcoming if the discussions drag on. Then there are those who don't work directly for an NBA team but who still depend on the excitement the league brings to town.

Ushers, security personnel, parking lot attendants, concession workers, restaurant employees and others all stand to have their hours cut or join the country's 14 million unemployed.

"Yeah, financially, I'm worried," said waitress Jeannette Lauersdorf, a single mother of two, who on a quiet Wednesday afternoon is serving six guests at three tables inside Harry Buffalo. On a night the Cavs are playing, the place has a 30-minute wait for a table. "We've got bills to pay."

Nerves, already frayed in a depressed economy, are unraveling.

As it was during the NFL's labor dispute, certain cities around the league will bear more of a burden than others until the NBA gets bouncing again. Markets like Orlando, Memphis, Salt Lake City and Portland, with no other income being generated by a major professional sports franchise, could be facing a long winter.

At this point, there's no telling how long the lockout will last, but NBA deputy commissioner Adam Silver projected losses if the season's opening two weeks are canceled in "the millions of dollars."

"We've spent a lot of time with our teams walking through those scenarios of lost games," Silver said. "The damage is enormous, will be enormous."

While Cleveland may be undergoing a minor renaissance with new construction, including a downtown casino being built by a group headed by Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, unemployment remains high. There's a thriving one-block strip of East Fourth Street, where upscale eateries lure guests no matter the time of year.

But closer to the Q, some bars and restaurants are still recovering from the financial aftershock caused by superstar LeBron James leaving.

When James was with the Cavs, the Gateway District crawled with fans, some of whom bought season tickets in 2009 for last season—under the assumption their favorite player would stay in Cleveland. But now that he's in Miami, and the Cavs are no longer a title contender, fans aren't flocking downtown.

"Even if there is a season, I think we're going to take a hit," said Caitlin Cassidy, manager at Harry Buffalo. "People love the Cavs, but they love the Cavs more when they're winning. Even last year, people who had season tickets didn't come all the time. Cleveland fans are a special breed. They come down and watch the Cavs and drink beer and hang out, but it's definitely not been the same without LeBron."

Memphis could experience a similar dropoff if the lockout deepens.

A young team on the upswing, the Grizzlies captivated the city last spring with its playoff run. Fans poured out of sold-out FedEx Forum and into the Beale Street entertainment area to toast each postseason win, and there's hope similar celebrations will take place this April, May—and maybe into June.

The team reports season-ticket sales are up. But tickets have no value without a season.

"We have a franchise we feel is locked and loaded to be very competitive for the next four, five, six years barring injuries," said Kevin Kane, president and CEO of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We've got a product the city's really excited about, the city's engaged with."

Orlando's situation is different.

In February, the Magic are slated to host NBA All-Star Weekend, an international event projected to bring $100 million to the city. But the lockout's uncertain endgame is delaying plans from being finalized, and already local businesses are scrambling to help offset losses if more games are canceled at year-old Amway Arena.

Owners of upscale Draft Global Beer Lounge and Grill, which opened across from Amway in March, fear it could be a tough season ahead.

"The economic impact would be detrimental," co-owner Willie Fisher said. "This location is one of the main reasons we chose this location."

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

FRYS.COM OPEN SCORES

SAN MARTIN, California (AP) — Results Thursday from the Frys.com Open played at the 7,368-yard, par-71 CordeValle Golf Club Course.
(a-amateur)

FIRST ROUND

Brendan Steele	36-31—67
Briny Baird	34-33—67
Garrett Willis	33-34—67
Matt Bettencourt	34-33—67
Troy Matteson	33-35—68
Matt Jones	33-35—68
Steven Bowditch	32-36—68
Rod Pampling	34-34—68
Chris Baryla	35-33—68
Aron Price	33-35—68
Greg Chalmers	36-33—69
Kevin Na	36-33—69
Scott Piercy	33-36—69
Ernie Els	34-35—69
Jeff Maggert	34-35—69
Brandt Jobe	34-35—69
Chad Campbell	34-35—69
Roland Thatcher	36-33—69
Andres Gonzales	34-35—69
John Rollins	32-37—69
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Hunter Haas	36-33—69
Jarrod Lyle	32-37—69
Bud Cauley	33-36—69
Scott Gutschewski	35-35—70
Justin Leonard	36-34—70
Todd Hamilton	35-35—70
Michael Thompson	38-32—70
Sunghoon Kang	34-36—70
William McGirt	34-36—70
D.J. Brigman	35-35—70
Shane Bertsch	36-34—70
Lee Janzen	34-36—70
Paul Casey	32-38—70
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Mitch Lowe	38-33—71
Adam Hadwin	37-34—71
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Charlie Wi	35-37—72
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Ben Crane	37-35—72
Rory Sabbatini	37-35—72
Heath Slocum	36-36—72
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Alex Prugh	39-37—76
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John Ellis	36-41—77
Scott McCarron	42-35—77
Joe Durant	39-40—79
Todd Fischer	39-41—80

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Boys volleyball, baseball seasons start Wednesday

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The Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization announced that its boys high school volleyball and baseball seasons are set to kick off this Wednesday.

All volleyball games will be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Opening matchups feature the MHS Awesome Fins taking on the Kagman High School Ayuyus on the north end with the Saipan International School Geckos challenging MHS' QTs on the south court at 4pm.

Then at 5pm the Grace Christian Academy Eagles square off against the MHS KFC Dolphins on the north court, while the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays take on SIS on the south end.

While the official baseball grouping is still being confirmed, the opening matchups are set, which is between MHS and SSHS at 4pm on Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

MHS then clashes with KHS the following day, however, future game dates are also still being determined and will be announced with the rest of the competing teams upon confirmation.

KHS is the team to beat in both sports. The Ayuyus are looking to clinch their fourth consecutive volleyball title, in addition to being crowned back-to-back baseball champions.

KHS came into last year's volleyball playoffs seeded second, but swept the field, capping off a two-set sweep over MHS 1 in the finals; KHS knocked off SSHS, 7-1, in last year's baseball championship.

MISO organizers are also shooting for Oct. 22 to open its cross country series. Cross country is offered to all age groups—elementary through high school. The first event will be held at CPA Airport Field.

PROA

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match. Proa went for a quick inbound after Estolas' basket with Iguel sprinting to their froncourt. He pulled up for a 10-footer and drew contact from Mobil's Jorge De Guzman, who was then called for a blocking foul. Mobil coach Marvin Deocares contested the call, saying Iguel should be slapped with an offensive foul, but referee Gilbert Espino charged the foul to De Guzman.

Iguel calmly sank both charities, giving Proa a 107-105 lead, 28.7 seconds left on the clock. Mobil sued for time and when game ensued it failed to complete a play centered on Estolas. Proa read Mobil's play well, as Estolas called for an isolation from the left key. Proa's defense then guarded the right key well, forcing Estolas to bring the ball to the left wing and the Mobil guard had to twist his shot in midair on his way to the basket and missed.

Proa grabbed the offensive rebound and Dan Barcinas finished the play with a fastbreak layup, upping his team's lead to four, 109-105, 10.9 seconds to go in the match.

Mobil leaned on Estolas anew in the remaining seconds, but muffed his 3-point attempts, while Iguel sealed the win with a split from the free throw line.

Deocares' wards spent the whole evening catching up and although it did a gallant stand against Proa, Mobil ran out of gas in the end to join VisMinda/Satbahi in the showers.

Iguel top-scored for Proa with 32 points, knocking in 10 markers in the first quarter where he and Barcinas gave Namfrel a whopping 21-point lead, 25-4.

After being limited to three field goals in the first six minutes of play, Mobil closed out the opening canto strong with Estolas hitting a trey in the remaining seconds and cutting the lead to 13, 17-30.

Mobil continued working its way back in the game in the second period as Estolas drew help from Leo Factor and Gyles Ruluked. A completed 3-point play from Estolas moved Mobil to within one, 46-47, but a 10-4 windup in the last two minutes of the second period kept Proa on top at halftime, 57-50.

Proa then went on to weather the storm in the second half, leading 91-74 after the third behind the two triples of Josh Sablan. Sablan, who came off the bench in the second half, kicked off the fourth with another trey, putting Proa's lead back to 20, 94-74.

Estolas refused to give up and led another Mobil rally, but fell short in the closing seconds. He finished with a game-high 48 points. Ruluked and Factor nailed 21 and 12, but had limited touches in the final canto.

Namfrel/Proa 110 – Iguel 32, Barcinas 19, Lizama 10, Sablan 10, Mendiola 8, Libuw 7, Johnson 7, Chariton 5, Babauta 4, Ogumoro 3.

Bayani/Mobil 105 – Estolas 48, Ruluked 21, Factor 12, De Guzman 8, Lizama 8, Gamboa 5.

Scoring by quarters: 30-27, 57-50, 91-74, 110-110-105.

MDX

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minute left on the clock.

Cabalen was forced to give up fouls in the remaining seconds and MDX sealed the win when Art Trajano and Banatasa both went 1-for-2 from the 15-foot line.

James Abuy led MDX's title win with his 20 markers, while Banatasa chipped in 14. Martin Moreno and Bernardo Montano added 10 each, while Tobias and Trajano combined for 15 markers.

Diaz left the match with a team-high 17 points, while Mendoza drilled 15, but was held to only one field goal in the fourth quarter. Santos also finished in double figures with 12, but he too was limited to one field goal in the payoff period.

Diaz scored seven straight markers at one point in the first period, lifting Cabalen to a 20-18 advantage. The game remained close after the first half with MDX this time in front, 43-42, after drawing eight markers from Banatasa in the second quarter.

Favor changed anew in the third, as Cabalen took a 66-61 lead, with the trio of Santos, Diaz, and Mendoza teaming up on offense.

Tobias started the fourth canto with a triple and from there MDX slowly worked its way back into the game and took the lead and the win, while Cabalen collapsed from the foul line.

MDX/Armatech 84 – Abuy 20, Banatasa 14, Moreno 10, Montano 10, Tobias 8, Trajano 7, Jinang 3, Canedo 2.

Cabalen/Wings Travel 79 – Diaz 17, Mendoza 15, Santos 12, Ocampo 10, Cruz 8, Palacios 5, Yalung 4, Verano 2, Atalig 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-20, 43-42, 61-66, 84-79.

MHS

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MHS called off the dogs in the fourth period, enabling SSHS'Roxanne Duenas to sink a couple of treys for 12 points in the final minutes.

Notably, despite being overwhelmed by a veteran MHS team, the Lady Rays never lost their spirit and played all out until the buzzer.

Castillo and Abrams led MHS with 15 points apiece, while Duenas managed 14 on the short end for SSHS.

Details of the junior varsity matchup will be released on Monday.

MHS 81 – Castillo 15, Abrams 15, Williams 12, Alegre 10, Gozon 9, Rangamar 6, Mendoza 4, Johnson 4, Badalles 2, Francisco 2.

SSHS 27 – Duenas 14, Joseph 9, Malasarte 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-7, 54-0, 72-11, 81-27.

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MDX/Armatech takes masters crown

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MDX/Armatech dethroned Cabalen/Wings Travel after recording an 84-79 victory in their winner-take-all title showdown in the UFO Inter-Organization Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Free throw woes in the fourth quarter doomed Cabalen/Wings Travel's chances for a repeat, while MDX/Armatech drew a balanced offense from its backcourt in the payoff canto to win this year's championship.

Cabalen/Wings Travel went 2-for-16 from the foul line in the fourth period, missing six crucial charities in the last two minutes of the match. MDX/Armatech was ahead by only five, 82-77, with 2:10 left and Cabalen had several opportunities of tying or even taking the lead when it had three players stepping on the stripe in the ensuing plays.

However, Edsel Mendoza, Eric Atalig, and Edwin Santos muffed two free throws each. Earlier in the fourth, Mendoza was also 0-for-4 and Mike Cruz hit 2-for-4.

Cabalen/Wings Travel played the last 3:16 of the match without its main gunner Tony Diaz, who sustained a nasty cut on his left eyebrow after colliding with MDX's Toto Banatasa in a loose ball play inside the paint.

Players of MDX/Armatech pose for a group photo after beating Cabalen/Wings Travel, 84-79, in the masters finals of the UFO Docomo Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.
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With Diaz down and bleeding, Banatasa managed to wrestle the contested ball and made the undergoal stab plus a foul. Banatasa missed the bonus shot, but still gave MDX a 78-77 lead.

MDX made it an 82-77 count off Banatasa and Ferdie Tobias' fastbreak baskets and Mendoza had a chance to move Wings Travel closer but faltered on his two free throw attempts. Next to troop to the foul line was Santos after a botched MDX play, but he too muffed the important charities.

Another MDX miss returned possession to Cabalen and Atalig was fouled on his putback, 1:14 left on the clock. Atalig suffered the same curse from the foul line, allowing MDX to retain the five-point lead, less than a

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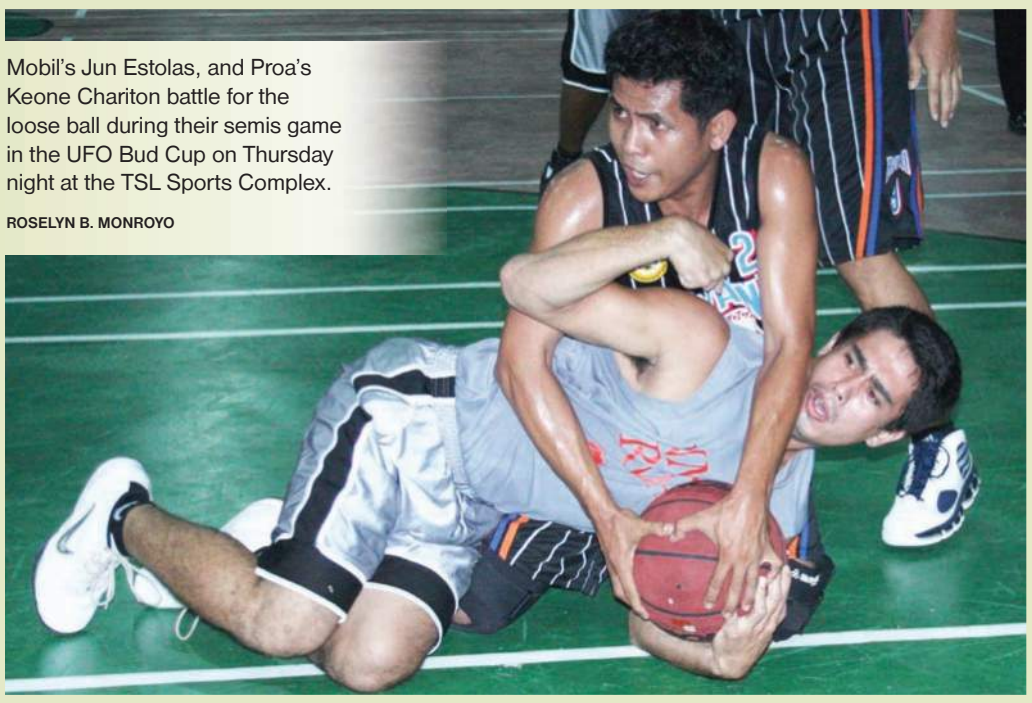

Mobil's Jun Estolas, and Proa's Keone Chariton battle for the loose ball during their semis game in the UFO Bud Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.
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Proa sails way to finals

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What started as a cruise for Proa ended in a tough ride.

Namfrel/Proa needed to survive Mobil's second-quarter run and hit clutch shots in the closing seconds to thwart the hard-fighting Bayani/Mobil, 110-105, in their semis duel in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The victory allowed Proa to advance to the finals where they will battle the winner of tomorrow's playoff game between Cavite/Andok's and defending champion MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt.

Proa had a jackrabbit start, leading at 25-4, but was threatened in the second quarter, 47-46, and then was forced to a deadlock in the fourth period, 105-all, before Pete Iguel and Dan Barcinas made crucial baskets to save the team from sinking.

Jun Estolas canned a booming triple from the left key for the first tie of the match, 105-all, 31 seconds to go in the

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MHS routs SSHS, 81-27, in girls basketball

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The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins kicked off its season with an 81-27 demolition job of the Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays as the 2011 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls basketball season continued Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The defending champions had five returning players on its roster, and the one-sided victory makes it apparent that the Lady Dolphins have hit the ground running this year.

Glory Williams paced MHS with seven points in the opening 10 minutes as the Lady Dolphins shot out to an early 29-7 lead.

MHS kept applying pressure in the second period and shut out Lady Rays offensively.

The Lady Dolphins amassed a mammoth 54-7 lead at halftime.

SSHS struggled with ball protection and was out-hustled for rebounds under the basket. Meanwhile on the other end, MHS' Jeraldine Castillo led the charge with nine points in the second quarter.

MHS continued to pass the ball around at will in the third quarter, and it was Rachel Abrams' turn to carry the torch; she delivered a 3-pointer for seven points in the period.

MHS was way out in front, 72-11, heading into the last quarter.

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MHS Lady Dolphins' Rachel Abrams gladly provides service with a smile from the post in Thursday's MISO girls basketball matchup against SSHS Lady Manta Rays held at the MHS Gym.
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